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Apoc.^o 18. 23.

... if he will be a Merchant, let him choose at least some of those liberal arts; or if he will be mechanical, let him choose to some noble trade; *Thy Merchants were the great men of the earth*, said the Angel to *Babylon*, *Apoc.* 18. 23. Ay, but our Saviour is no Adventurer, neither is he so stockt to follow any such profession; once indeed he travelled into Egypt with *Joseph* and *Mary*; but to shew us that it was no prize, you may see *Mary* his mother steal him away by night, without further preparation: what, gone on a sudden? it seems there was no treasure to hide, no hangings to take down, no lands to secure, his mother needs do no more but lock the dores and away: what portion then is for the Lord of heaven? O sweet Jesu! thou must be content for us to hew sticks and stocks; besides which (after his coming out of Egypt, about the seventh year of his age, untill his baptisme by *John*, which was the thirtieth) we finde little else recorded in any Writers, profane or Ecclesiastical.

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Phil. 2. 7.

And are we now at our just *Quantum*? alas, what quantity, what bounds hath the humility of our Saviour? is he a *Carpenter*? that were to be master of a trade; but *he took on him* (saith the Apostle) *the forme of a servant*, not a master, *Phil.* 2. 7. It

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TO
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
and happy Society of all true
Believers militant in
{ ENGLAND, }
{ SCOTLAND, }
{ & IRELAND. }

A Friend to you, and the *Author*,
wisheth fulnesse of Grace, Peace, and
heavenly comfort, certaine assurance,
sealed evidence, and seasonable entrance
into, and possession of the celestiall,
promised, incorruptible, undefi-
led and never fading
inheritance.

Beloved Believers,
both you and I,
are infinitely behol-
den to our ever li-
ving Father, who hath made
9 4 his

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his will and given all us his children great wealth, rich portions, and large Legacies, now in present possession; graces, and comforts, in unshaken expectation and assured reversion, perfection and eternall glory. Wee are greatly beholding to *Iehova*, for his will directory, hortatory, correctory, but most of all for his will consolatory, in which, he salves all our sores; physicks all our sicknesses, medicines all our maladies, *Psalms*. 103. 4. Heales all our diseases, and crownes us with loving kindnesse and tender mercies. And surely wee are all of us
much

much beholding to the holy Authour of this sweet (though little) Book, who hath so piously, painfully, and profitably perused the holy will of our heavenly Father, and wisely sought and found out and put into our hands, the spirituall portion, and Soule-Legacies, given and bequeathed unto us by our best friend, many of which, most of scarce knew of, few sought and sued for them, and very few comfortable enjoyed and wisely and diligently used to the donors glory and their own good. Carelesse children, come oftentimes to be beholden unto their

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more carefull brethren and thriving friends, who save all they have, sue for all that is promised, and seek for all they heare of: so is it here, wee carelesse, negligent, poore and ill thriven Christians, must be beholding to this carefull, diligent, rich and well thriven Authour, who obeyes *Pauls* counsell, 1. *Cor.* 12. 31. Covets earnestly the best gifts and will not suffer the heavenly Father, to purse and keep a penny that is due, to withhold grace or comfort (which hee hath promised) in whole, or degree, but he shall heare of his promise, and if he doe not presently

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sently fulfill according to covenant, a petition is speedily drawne, to be preferred in the Court of heaven, and an Advocate prepared Jesus Christ the righteous. 1. *Iohn* 2.1. Suite (by prayer) begun, and in an eager pursuit continued, till the thing promised be performed.

This little Book, and private practise of the Author (who hath sued for all these Legacies, and in some good measure hath attained the same, and thereby is become spirituall rich) will sufficiently prove what I have spoken. Wee are much beholden to this Author, for letting us
see

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see our Portions and Legacies
in our Fathers will, and setting
us a worke both by penne and
practise to sue for the same.

The volume is little, but the
vertue contained in the same is
great. The book is extraordina-
ry, being altogether for applica-
tion and practise. The scope and
drift of it is, to furnish Believers
with abundance of good; to
free them from all sins inward,
outward, secret, and open; To
fill them with all graces in life,
power, and exercise; To bring
them comfort in, and seasona-
ble deliverance from all their
troubles; To draw down upon
their

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their foules and bodies abundance of blessings of all sorts and natures: to give them full assurance of certaine and seasonable entrance into glory, and to give them fast hold of heaven.

There are many, I know, that will little regard it: the Prophane person will not like it, for it is full of holinesse: the carnall Protestant will not discern of it, nor relish it, for it is spirituall: the dissembling hypocrite will not well approve of it, for it will rob him of his *Rimmon*, slay his *M^{ris}*, his *Dalilah*, his *Herodias*, his darling sin, it will tell

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tell him, if he applyes promises, he must keepe the conditions, obey precept, and put every iniquity, though never so pleasurable or profitable, farre away from his Tabernacles. But the honest hearted and sincere Believer will approve of it, prize it, use it, and profit by it.

And not to overcommend my commodity, as one desirous to make it more vendible and saleable (for neither I, nor its Authour, God is witness, ayme at any such thing, but at the spirituall good of their soules unto whom it shall come) this little Book, like a well filled litle Apothecaries

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pothecaries shop, contains within it heavenly receipts of all sorts, wholesome physick of every kind for expelling and curing all sorts of diseases and sicknesses incident to Saints, and for the corroborating and strengthening of new nature, and for keeping the spirituall man in good health, lusty and strong able for Gods service, *Phil. 2. 12.* and for working out his owne salvation with feare and trembling. What here J speake unto one Believer, I intend for all.

Hath sin that deadly poyson infected thee? Loe here in this little Book an Antidote, a preservative

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servative which will extract
and expell this poyson. Hath
this serpent so fiery stung thee?
Num. 21. 8. Loe here the *Brazen
Serpent* upon the pole. Hath it
beggered and undone thee? *Iohn
3. 14, 15.* Behold a way in this
Book, how thou maist become
rich. Doth it daily trouble thee;
will it needs tirannize and do-
mineere over thee? This little
Book will learn thee to depose
this tyrant, *Rom. 6. 14.* and tell
thee he shall not have domini-
on and Lordship over thee
Hath it stricken thee dead? Loe
heres means of reviving and in-
living thee, to an happy life of
grace.

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grace. Doth it threaten thy ruine? Loe here Physick for thy feares, *Cor. 15. 35.* death hath lost its sting, sin is destroyed, death shall fully and finally free thee from it. Art thou hunted like a poore Lambe by the hellish devouring Lyon, Sathan, and chased before this infernall dog, like a silly Deere, in temptations? Loe here a thicket, a shelter, a shepheard, under which thou maist repose and rest thy self in safety. Art thou overcome with his wilie stratagems? Loe here wisdom. Art thou beaten downe with his power? Loe here strength. Fearest thou the fiery

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fiery darts of this evill one? Loe here a little house full of targets, shields, and bucklers, *Ephes. 6. 16.* (promises applyed by faith) which will repell and quench them. *Iob 6. 4.* Doe Gods terrors set themselves in array against thee? are Gods arrowes in thee? doth his flaming wrath burne in thy bosome, and is likely to consume thee? Loe streams of mercy and grace from a refreshing fountaine, fluent in the pipes of the promises, by thy hand of faith turn the cock, and the coole water of Gods grace and mercy shall flow forth upon thy soule, and allay its burning

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ing heat , and inflammations. Doth the wilie world endeavour to entangle and inveagle thee by its lures and Inares? Loe here liberty, freedome, better things propounded, and promised, which Believers doe for the present in some measure enjoy, and shall have a most certaine and full possession of afterwards. Wantest thou Grace, comfort, deliverance, blessing, or any good thing? Behold, here thou maist have them, to the great joy of thine heart, and content of thy Spirit.

Set faith a work to draw out what thou wantest , and thou shalt

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shalt have it. Sucke these sweet and heavenly breasts of God by the mouth of thy faith; open these pipes and veines of the promises, which runne so full of mercy, grace, truth, comfort, joy and peace, for every Believer, by faith; and thou shalt bee satiate with every good thing.

Lest I should make too great a porch for this little house, and too great gates for this little City, I will conclude, with an exhortation to all my beloved brethren and sisters which are Believers, to perfect their faith by application of the promises,
both

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both of these in this sweet little Book, and of all others, contained in the Old and New Testament.

Suffer not Gods promises (as I may so say) to milke themselves, doe you draw them, let not good rest with God, which you may have by believing and begging, to your great comfort and enriching, but take Gods commodities off his hand, trade with that wealthy Merchant in the farre Countrey, the Lord Iesus in heaven, for his rich commodities of graces and comforts, and glorious hopes, untill you be rich and wealthy; and
for

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for this purpose cause those two good factours, *Faith* and *Prayer*, founded upon and quickned and confirmed by the pretious promises, alway to trade for you in heaven, untill you come thither your selves. I would desire all Believers to make this their pocket-booke that it may sollicit and woe them to prayer, make solid and firme their faith, increase their graces, comforts, and heavenly hopes, prepare them for enduring the stormes of trouble and tempests of temptations, and may encourage them in holy well-doing and Christian perseverance

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severance unto the end. *Heb. 6. 12.* Now brethren, my hearts desire is, that ye be not slothfull, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the Promises.

That you may be inheritours of them, it shall bee my daily prayer unto the Lord my God, to bestow upon your hearts to use all good meanes, for the attaining of the good, in these and other promises of God unto his people. That he would teach and enable you to meditate upon them diligently day and night, to believe them firmly; to apply them severally, particularly,

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larly, personally, to sue for them earnestly by prayer constant and fervent, to waite for their promised accomplishment by patience, that so you may enjoy the good of them here and hereafter, which God in mercy grant unto me, and also you.

AMEN.

To



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MAN which at the beginning was created happy, *Gen. 1. 26. Ephes. 2. 10.* having now lost God and his Image, is of all earthly creatures become most miserable, no lesse then a slave of the Devill, a child of wrath, & an heire of eternall damnation. *Eph. 2. 2, 3.* This is not the estate of a few onely, but of all mankind out of Christ; for we are all by nature under the curse. *2. Cor. 4. 4. Rom. 5. 19. Gal. 3. 10.* The best, before their conversion, were by nature children of wrath, even as others: *Eph. 2. 3. Rom. 5. 12.* for every wo-
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mans child did fall equally in *Adam*: hence it comes to passe, that no man by nature is now in better esteem with God then other. *Cain* and *Abel* as children of the first *Adam* onely were equally miserable; the like may bee said of us all, for both *Iewes* and *Gentiles* are come under sin. *Rom. 3. 9.* And as the *Psalmist* saith, We all are gone out of the way, we are altogether become filthy, there is none righteous, no not one. *Psal. 14. 3.* O that men and women had their eyes enlightened, and judgements convinced of that woeful plight in which naturally they are! Oh! were their hearts throughly loaden therewith, surely they would not long content themselves therein. The truth is, most in the world are spiritually blind, and cannot discern their owne misery; and spiritually dead too, *1. Iohn 5. 19. Eph. 2. 1. 5.* and cannot be affected with it: The Holy Ghost

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Ghost saith thus of them, Eph. 4. 18, 19. *They walke in the vanity of their mind having their understanding darkened, and are strangers from the life of God, through the ignorance which is in them, because of the hardnesse of their hearts: who being past feeling, have given themselves unto wantonnesse, to worke all uncleaneſſe with greedinesse.* Such as these, are so farre from having any right to Gods promises, that for the present they are under the curse, and consequently in the dint of all the plagues & threatnings in Gods Book. *Deut. 27. ult. Deut. 28. 56. 63.* Wherefore let not such as yet challenge any comfort from the Promises, but let them rather labour to the uttermost of their power, in using all good meanes to bee made capable and fit subjects for mercy revealed in the Promises. Is it not pittie so many sweet Promises of life should bee made,

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made, and yet thou dye and bee damned notwithstanding? Pray fervently to God that hee would touch thy heart with griefe for all thy sins, and worke in thee a cleare apprehension of thine owne unworthinesse, *Acts 2. 37. Luke 15. 19.* and that he would bestow faith on thee, that by it thou maist bee able to goe wholly out of thy selfe to God, through Iesus Christ for salvation.

Wee having departed from him who is the God of all grace and consolation, are fallen into an estate of all basenesse, desolation, and misery; and cannot bee recovered againe into the former estate of spirituall life and happinesse, unlesse wee be brought againe to him who is the foundation of life and happinesse, even the living God: and brought to him we can never be, but by Faith, *Heb. 11. 6.* which is nothing else but the going out of the
soule

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soule to God through Christ, to fetch a new principle of spirituall life and grace, which once in *Adam* we lost, and now need. The which worke of faith is not wrought but by the promises; and being wrought in our hearts, gives us a most sure right and interest *unto all the promises of Grace. Rom. 10. 8. 17. Heb. 6. 12. 17.* Thus we through faith and patience are said to inherit the promises, therefore we are called the heires of the promise: the promises are as well ours, who truly believe, as heaven it selfe is. Now by these heavenly Promises, God our Father hath engaged himselfe as a debtour to us his poore children for all things needfull to life and godlinesse, *2. Pet. 1. 3.* untill that blessed time comes when wee shall be put into full possession of all things which wee have now only in promise: at that time *Faith* shall end in fruition, and *Promi-*

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ses in performance. As the soule is the life of the body, and faith the life of the soule, so are Gods promises the life of faith. For from whence hath faith his efficacy, but because it layes hold on the free promises? but from whence have the promises their strength? even from the constant nature of *Iehovah*, 2. *Cor.* 1. 20. who alwayes gives a being to his word. Desirest thou faith? then take notice of Gods promises: wouldst thou have thy faith like the light in the Lords Sanctuary never to goe out? then acquaint thy selfe with Gods *Promises*, know them well, meditate on them, conferre about them: let them be continually in thy mind, memory, heart and tongue. Satan laboureth in nothing more then to keepe us in unbeliefe, especially of particular promises, for he knowes if we believe them, we shall in all things have the victory,
come

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come before God with boldnesse, carry peace in our owne bosomes to our graves, and doe, and suffer any thing for God. *1. Iohn 5. Eph. 2. Rom. 15. Heb. 11.* Oh the abundance of sweet cordiall comfort which all humble beleevers draw by faith out of every promise! Now beloved, these pretious *Promises* (our breasts of consolation) whereupon our happinesse so much depends, lye hid in the holy Scripture, as veines of gold in the earth. *Isa. 66. 11. 12.* Surely, those that search those mynes to bring to light these treasures, are worthy of great commendation. Wherefore I doubt not but the good paines of this blessed and faithfull servant of God will find good entertainment of all the children of the promises, that hope to entertaine them, who hath with great care and good evidence of spirituall understanding discovered and compiled the variety

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riety and use of all the promises in matters temporall, spirituall, and eternall. So that here is a medicine for every disease, and a salve for every sore. Read them carefully and ponder them seriously, and apply them faithfully. And I beseech the good Lord, who is the Authour of them, that by his holy Spirit he would make them powerfull, and effectuall in us.

*Consider what is said, and the
Lord give us understanding
in all things.*

2. Tim. 2. 7.

Rules



RULES
TO BE OBSERVED
IN READING OF
PROMISES.

Whatsoever Promise is made in generall to all the faithfull, every one must particularly apply it to themselves, as Gen. 3. 14. the Messiah is promised to all, every one must apply him to themselves.

2. Whatsoever promise is made to any one of the faithfull (if there be not some particular reason which tyes it to his person, as was to Abraham for a sonne, and his seed to inherit the land of Canaan) every child of God hath right to it: as you may see, Ioshuah 1. 5. I will
not

Rules to be observed

not faile thee, nor forsake thee. *This every one may apply to themselves, as wee know the Holy Ghost applyes it, Heb. 13. 5. For he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Which teacheth us to doe the like in all the rest of the promises.*

3. *Vnder temporall promise to the Iewes, are set forth the excellent promised graces, which God will give to his people after the comming of Christ, Ezek. 34. 25, 26, 27.*

4. *When wee read the conditions of the promises, they are not like to the duties of the Law, made to the perfect fillers of them; the promises are Evangelicall, made to those which endeavour to keep them, and the maine conditions of them are faith.*

5. *In all the promises for increase of grace, or meanes of grace, or for any earthly things, we must know wee shall have them so farre performed to us, as the*

In Reading the Promises.

the Lord seeth good for us.

6. In our weak endeavourings to keep the promises, we must believe the performanceto us, in, by, and through Christ; In whom all the promises of God are yea, and Amen, that is, as I conceive, confirmed and made good to us in him, 2. Cor. 1. 20. when we can see nothing in our selves why they should be performed to us, even then we are to claime them for Christs sake; if thou be in Christ: for if thou bee not in him, no promise belongs to thee: but that threatnings and judgements are thy portion, and nothing else can wee claime as our due. Sorrow, weeping, and howling is that which God requireth of us, and not laying hand upon the comfortable promises, till wee hunger after Christ; which God grant wee may doe more and more, till we come to be satisfied with his image in the life to come. Psal. 17. 15.

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THE
FIRST LEGACY.

These promises I have observed for spirituall things.

FIRST ABOUT SINNE.

*If we find nothing in our selves
that may move God.*



When we find nothing in our
selves that might move the
Lord to have mercy, then
apply these promises, Isai.
43.25. *I, even I am he, that blotteth out*
A thy

thy transgression for mine own sake, & will not remember thy sinnes, Isai 44. 22. I have blotted out as a thicke cloud thy transgressions, and as a cloud thy sinnes: returne unto me, for I have redeemed thee.

Ier. 31. 34. I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sinne no more.

Ezek. 36. 25. I will sprinkle cleane water upon you, and yee shall bee cleane from all your filthinesse.

Isai. 57. 18. I have seene his wayes, and will heale him, I will lead him also, and restore comfort; unto him, and to his mourners.

These promises are free, made by the Lord, not for any thing that is in man, as you may see, in *Isaiah* 43. from the 22. verse, to the 25. for the Lord saith, They had not called upon him, but wearied the Lord, brought him no offering, yea wearied him
with

with their finnes ; and yet in the 25. verse hee saith , for his owne sake hee would forgive their finnes.

These promises wee shall have alwayes need of , as at our conversion, so afterwards many times wee shall in our owne feeling finde nothing in our selves to perswade us of the pardon of our finnes, then wee must flye to these free promises. When thou seest nothing in thy selfe why the Lord should pardon thy finnes, and therefore doub't of the pardon of them, apply, *I am he that puts away thy finnes for mine owne sake.*

When thy finnes rise up as a cloud, that thou canst see nothing but them, apply, *I haue put away thy finnes as a cloud.*

When thou fearest the multitude of thy finnes, apply, *You shall be cleane from all your finnes.*

THE II. LEGACY.

*If we feare, God will remember
our sinnes to punish them.*

When wee fear, God will remember our sinnes before committed, to punish us for them, apply Ier. 31. 34. *I will remember his sinne no more* Ezek. 18. 22. *His transgressions which hee hath committed shall not be mentioned to him, but in the righteousness which hee hath done, shall he live.*

Ezek. 33. 16. *None of his sinnes that he hath committed shall be mentioned to him.*

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THE III. LEGACY.

*If often sinning cause thee
doubt of pardon.*

WHen thine often sinning
causeth thee to feare that
God will not pardon thee,
apply, Iob. 33. 27. 28. 29. *He looketh
upon men, and if any say I have sinned,
and perverted that which was right,
and it profiteth me not: hee will deliver
his soule from going into the pit, and
his life shall see the light.* Loe all these
things worketh God, oftentimes with
man. Wherefore believe not Satan
that perswades the contrary, nor
let thy corruptions make thee bold
to presume of pardon; for though
God promise pardon, yet it is to the
A 3 penitent,

penitent, not to the presumptuous, as
vers. 27.

THE IV. LEGACY.

If thou despaire.

WHen thou art at the pits
brinke of despaire, and art
dried up with sorrow, then
goe to some faithfull Preacher that is
able to preach Christ unto thee, and
apply these promises: Iob. 33. 24, 25,
26. *Then he is gracious unto him, and
saith, deliver him from going downe to
the pit, I have found a ransome. His
flesh shall bee fresher then a childs, hee
shall returne to the dayes of his youth.
He shall pray unto God, and he shall be
favourable unto him, and he shall see his
face with joy: for he will render unto*
man

man his righteousnesse.

Isai. 57. 19. *I create the fruit of the lips, peace, peace, to him that is farre off, and to him that is neare, saith the Lord, and I will heale him.*

When thou comdest to the uttermost extremity for sinne, apply, *I will have mercy on him, and deliver him, that he goe not downe to the pit.*

When thou fearest that God or his Ministers will not speake peace unto thee, apply, *I have received a reconciliation. I create the fruit of the lips to be peace, to them that are farre off, and to them that are neare.*

When thy sorrowes have withered thee up, apply, *He shall returne as in the dayes of his youth, and his flesh shall be as the flesh of a child.*

If in this estate thou fearest, God will not heare prayers for thee, apply, *He shall pray to God, and he will be favourable to him.*

When thou fearest thou shalt not be able to looke upon the Lord with joy, apply, *Hee shall see his face with joy.*

When thou seeest not any thing in thy selfe, that should cause thee not to believe this, apply, *He will render to man his righteousnesse*; which is (I thinke) Christs righteousnesse, for whose sake he will doe it.

THE V. LEGACY.

If thou findest sinne an heavy burden, and Satan pursuing.

WHen thou feelest sin an heavy burden, and Satan pursuing thee with many feares, by reason of the same, flye to Christ, and apply, Matth. 11. 28, 29. *Come unto*

unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Mat. 11. 28. He shall save his people from their finnes.

Rom. 16. 20. And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.

Isai. 32. 2. And a man shall bee as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest, as rivers of waters in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rocke in a weary land. Thus doth Christ to the soule that flies to him.

If Satan pursue thee, apply, *He is an hiding place.*

If stormes of temptations and afflictions doe arise, apply, *He is a refuge against the tempest.*

If thy soule bee ready to faint through weakenesse, apply, *He is a river of water in a dry place*, to revive thy spirits, and as the shadow of a great rocke, under which thou maist

safely repose thy selfe. When thou findest thy sinnes very heavy, apply, *I will ease you.*

When thou hast no rest in thy soule because of sinne, apply, *You shall find rest to your soules.* Hee shall save his people from their sinnes, both from the punishment and the power.

If thou fearest length of time in temptations, apply, *The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.*

THE VI. LEGACY.

If thou turne from sinne, and yet doubt of pardon.

When thou turnest from sin, and doubtest of the pardon of it, apply, *Isai. i. 18.*
Though

Though your sins be as ſcarlet, they ſhall be as white as ſnow, though they be red like crimſon, they ſhall bee as wooll.

Iſai. 55. 7. Let the wicked forſake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him returne unto the Lord, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Micah. 7. 18, 19. Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and paſſeth by the tranſgreſſion of the remnant of his heritage? hee retaineth not his anger for ever, becauſe he delighteth in mercy. He will turne againe, he will have compaſſion upon us, he will ſubdue our iniquities, and thou wilt caſt all their finnes into the depths of the ſea. Prov. 21. 13. He that confeſſeth and forſaketh his finnes, ſhall find mercy. 1. Ioh. 1. 9. If we confeſſe our ſins, he is faithfull and juſt to forgive us our finnes,

sinnes, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousnesse.

When thou seest thy soule of a sinfull colour, apply, *Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as white as wool.*

If thou fearest God will hardly be intreated, apply, *He will have mercy, for he is ready to forgive.*

If we feare that our sinnes have taken such strong hold upon us, as wee shall never get from them, apply, *He will cleanse us from all our unrighteousnesse.* Seeing God promiseth to be the cleaner, feare not the hardnesse of the worke.

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THE VII. LEGACY.

If thou wouldst have thy manifold rebellions subdued.

Vhen thou feelest many rebellions in thine heart and life, and wouldst have them not only pardoned, but subdued, apply, Hof. 14. 5. *I will heale their backe-sliding.* Which promise (as I thinke) containes thus much, that God will not only pardon, but heale us, and instead of rebellious hearts and lives, will give us obedient hearts and lives, for as healing followeth the curing of sicknesse: so obedience doth the curing of rebellion. Micah. 7. 19. *He will subdue our iniquities.*

When

When thou feelest sin very strong,
 flye to this promise, and apply the
 strength of him that promiseth, against
 the strength of sinne: it is the Lord
 that hath promised to subdue it; what
 though Sinne and Satan joyne their
 force together, yet the Lord is stron-
 ger then all their force, wee need not
 doubt.

THE VIII. LEGACY.

*If thy heart bee hard and
 full of corruption.*

VWhen thou feelest thine
 heart hard, and full of
 corruption, apply, Ezek.

36. 26. *A new heart also will I give
 you, and a new spirit will I put within
 you, and I will take away the stony heart
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out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

Deut. 30. 6. *And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soule, that thou maist live.*

When thou feelest thine heart worldly carnall, apply, *I will circumcise thy heart. A new heart will I give thee.*

When nothing will breake thine heart, apply the power of *Iehovah*, that hath promised to cure thee, in taking away thy stony heart.

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THE IX. LEGACY.

*If unbridled nature break
out into passion.*

VV Henthou canst not bridle nature, but it breakes forth into violent passions, to contention, apply, *Isai. 11.6. The Wolfe also shall dwell with the Lambe, and the Leopard shall lye downe with the Kid, and the Calfe, and the young Lyon, & the fatling together, & a little child shall lead them.* Such shall bee the power of the Gospell, that those which are by nature like Wolves and devouring beasts, shall dwell very peaceably: and if wee find our nature such, we must apply, *the Wolfe shall dwell with the Lambe.*

Micah

Micah. 7. 19. *He will subdue our iniquities, and will cast all our sinnes into the depth of the sea: that which is cast into the Sea, as it appeareth not in sight, so wee cannot get it againe, though wee would: so will God doe by your sinnes, cast them out of his sight, so as wee shall not returne to them any more: presse him with his promise, and you shall find more then you thinke.*

THE X. LEGACY.

If thou be in bondage to some sin.

Vhen thou feelest thy selfe in bondage to some sinne, apply, Iohn 8. 32.

You shall know the Truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Rom. 6. 14. *Sinne shall not have dominion*

dominion you.

When thou feelest thy bondage that thou canst not doe good, or keep thy selfe from evill; apply. *The truth shall make you free.*

If thy finnes often prevaile against thee, apply, Sinne shall not have dominion over you.

Psal. 130.8. *He shall redeeme Israel from all his iniquities.*

THE XI. LEGACY.

If thou fearest the breaking out of strong finnes.

VWhen thou feelest some sinne so strong in thee, that thou fearest it will breake out to Gods dishonour, and the blemishing of Religion, apply, 1. Theff.

Theff. 5. 23. 24. That your whole spirit, soule and body may be preserved blamelesse unto the comming of our Lord Iesus Christ. Faithfull is he that calleth you, who also will doe it. That God which hath called thee, will keep thee blamelesse unto the comming of Christ: therefore use the meanes, and rest upon the Lords faithfulnessse which never faileth them which trust in him.

2. Thef. 3. 3. But the Lord is faithfull, who shall stablisch you and keepe you from evill.

1. Ioh. 1. 9. If we confesse our sinnes, he is faithfull and just to forgive us our sinnes, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousnesse. By cleansing (as I thinke) is meant not onely from the guilt of sinne, but the the power of it, that the filthinesse of it shall not appeare in our lives and conversations. When sinne pursues thee hard to make thee fall, doe thou pursue the Lord with prayers,

prayers, for performance of this promise, and doubt not of the issue.

Micah 7. 19. *Hee will subdue our iniquities.* And to these adde the prayer of Christ, Iohn 17. 15. *I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keepe them from the evill.* Now what greater evill than sinne? therefore though thy prayers bee but weake against it, yet hee hath prayed that was alway heard, therefore fight and be sure of victory.

THE XII LEGACY.

When thou art stayed from sinne by admonition.

WHen thou art stayed from sinne by admonition, appy, Ezek. 3. 21. *If thou warne the righteous*

righteous man, that the righteous sinne not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live because he is warned.

When any admonish thee, obey, and it shall bee life to thy soule, therefore receive the admonition, and apply, *He shall live, because he is admonished.*

THE XIII. LEGACY.

If thou fearest God will destroy thee for sin.

IF thou fearest, God will destroy thee for thy sinnes, apply, Ezek. 18. 30. *Turne your selves from all your transgressions, so iniquity shall not be your ruine.*

Matth. 1. 21. *He shall save his people from their sinnes.*

When thou fearest the greatnesse or
multitude

multitude of thy finnes will bee thy destruction, apply, *Iniquity shall not be your ruine.*

When thou seest no meanes of safety, apply, *He (that is, Christ) shall save his people from their finnes.*

THE XIV LEGACY.

If thou be tempted to uncleannes.

IF thou be tempted to uncleannesse, apply, Prov. 2. 16. *Hee shall deliver thee from the strange woman.*

1. Thes. 5. 24. *Thy body shall bee kept blamelesse untill the comming of Christ.*

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THE XV. LEGACY.

*If thou canst not find out thy sin,
for which God corrects thee.*

IF thou canst not find out thy sinne,
for which God correcteth thee,
apply, Iob. 39. 9. *If they bee tyed
with the cords of affliction, then will I
shew them their worke, and their sins.*

A wise Father will not correct his
child, but hee will shew him where-
fore, how else should hee amend his
fault? much more will the Lord. But
we enjoy not many promises, because
we sue not for them.

*Thus farre about Sin, the next
about Grace.*

THE XVI. LEGACY.

If thou doubt of salvation.

IN doubt of salvation, apply, God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Sonne, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life, Iohn 3. 16.

Iohn 5. 24. Hee that beareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life.

Iohn 8. 51. If any many keepe my saying, he shall never see death.

Iohn 11. 25. Hee that believeth in me, though hee were dead, yet shall hee live. And whosoever believeth in mee shall never see death.

If thou doubt that thou shalt perish, and not be saved, apply, Hee that believes in Christ, shall not perish, but shall have everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation. Labour to believe these Promises, for that is required of thee, for the obtaining of what is promised.

THE XVII. LEGACY.

If thine heart bee as a wilderness, barren of good.

WHenthou findest thine heart as a wilderness barren of good, apply, Esai. 35. 1, 2. *The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them: and the desert shall rejoyce, and blossom as the Rose, It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoyce*

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even with joy and singing.

This promise is made to the Church, and every member of it may apply it to themselves: therefore when thou feelest thine heart as a desert wilderness, and wast ground, void of good, full of bryers and thornes of sinne, then know, thou shalt not only bring forth sweet smelling graces. like Roses, but also all abundance of them.

Pro. 11. 28. *The righteous shal flourish as a branch.* Prov. 13. 4. *The soule of the diligent shall be made fat.*

Hos. 14. 5. 6. *I will be as the dew to Israel, he shall grow as the Lilly, and cast forth his roots like Lebanon. His branches shall spread, & his beauty shall be as the Olive tree & his smell as Lebanon.*

When wee want meanes to make us fruitfull, apply, *The Lord will be a dew to Israel.*

When wee desire to flourish and grow vp in grace, apply, *He shall grow*
as

as the Lilly, his branches shall spread.

If thou wouldest shine forth in the beauty of holynes, apply, *His beauty shall be as the Olive-tree, and as the Lillies*, whose glory is greater then *Solomons* in all his Royalty.

If thou wouldest have thy graces send forth a sweet smell, apply, *His smell shall be as Lebanon.*

If thou fearest the continuance of this estate, apply, *He shal fasten his roots, as the trees of Lebanon.*

It matters not how great our barrennesse be, when God will be a dew to us: it will quickly make us fruitfull, we shall bring forth fruits glorious to the sight as the Lilly, and as the Olive tree, and the sent of our graces shall be a sweet smelling savor, as the trees of Lebanon. Therefore though thou feelest thy heart yet barrē, & thou hast used means long, & yet art not fruitfull, still use the meanes, and belceve,

for therein did *Abraham* glorifie God that hee beleevd above hope, that *Sarah* should have a Son, whose wombe was barren, and by yeeres past child-bearing: so though thine heart remaine barren in thine own feeling, after long use of meanes, yet still follow seeking in the meanes, and believe, for we have as sure promises, and as faithfull a performer, as *Abraham* had, Iesus Christ, yesterday, and to day, and the same for ever.

John 7.38. *He that believeth on me, out of his belly shall flow rivers of water of life.*

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THE XVIII. LEGACY.

If thou wantest holinesse.

WHen thou art troubled for want of holinesse, apply, *Exod. 19. 6. You shall be an holy nation.*

Deut. 28. 9. And the Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto himselfe.

The Lord will make thee holy; therefore Sinne, nor Satan, nor wicked men cannot hinder thy holinesse: for he that makes thee holy, is stronger then all, and doth what he will.

1. Thess. 5. 23. 24. The God of peace shall sanctify you throughout, in spirit, soule, and body. Faithfull is he which calleth you, which will also doe it.

THE XIX. LEGACY.

*When thou canst not offer
up any sacrifice.*

WHenthou canst not offer up any sacrifice to God of prayer or prayse, or thy selfe in sacrifice, apply, **Exod. 19. 6.** *Tee shall bee unto mee a Kingdome of Priests.* God promiseth that wee shall be Priests, that is, such as shall offer up sacrifice unto him, for that was the Priests office. Therefore when thou findest thy selfe unable to pray, or praise the Lord, or to offer up thy selfe to God, soule and body, strive in faith grounded on the promises, that he which commanded, hath also promised to make us able to doe it, for he
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hath said, *We shall be Priests*, Malac. i. ii. *In every place incense shall bee offered to my name, and a pure offering,* which is spoken of the believing Gentiles, therefore thou being one of the, shalt be able to offer up pure offerings.

THE XX. LEGACY.

When thou feelest but litle grace.

WHen thou feelest litle grace, knowledge, faith, love, repentance, all very litle, apply, Iob. 8. 7. *Though thy beginning be small, yet thy later end shall greatly increase.*

Matth. 13. 12. *Whosoever hath, to him shall bee given; and hee shall have abundance.*

Therefore let not thy small begin-

things discourage thee; but if thou canst prove thou hast some grace, then joyne faith and diligence together, and they will quickly make thee rich.

THE XXI. LEGACY.

When all thy graces are weake.

WHen thou findest all thy graces very weake, and no strength to performe any spirituall duty, either prayer, or fasting, or any other duty, then apply, Psal. 29. 11. *The Lord will give strength unto his people. Isai. 40. 29. 31. He giveth power to the faint, and to them which have no might hee increaseth strength. They that wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as Eagles they*

they shall runne and not be weary , they shall walke and not faint.

When thou feelest thy selfe faint, stay thy selfe with this promise, *Hee gives strength to him that fainteth.*

When thou feelest no power, apply, *to him that hath no strength, he increaseth power.* If thou hast lost thy power, then stay thy selfe with this, *they shall renew their strength.*

If thou art ready to give over through wearinesse , then gather strength from this, *They shall run, and not bee weary , and walke , and not bee faint.*

And if thou findest not these promises performed unto thee, either thou endeavourest not to keepe the conditions, or else thou art negligent in searching out the promises, or cold in suing for them : the Lord will bee sought to for the performance.

Isai. 41. 10. I am thy God , I will

strengthen thee, yea I will helpe thee, yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Isa. 26. 4. Trust thou in the Lord for ever, for in the Lord Ichovah is everlasting strength.

To know there is strength in the Lord is no comfort, unlesse we know it shall be for us. Therefore since it is given for a comfort, it must include this promise, *Thus the Lords strength for evermore shall bee employed for our good.* Therefore when we want for either soule or body, we must fixe our confidence in him, who will not faile us, if we seek unto him.

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THE XXII. LEGACY.

*When thy heart is dryed for
want of Grace.*

WHen thou feelest thy heart
dryed up for want of grace
that thou canst not send
forth any water of grace in thy
thoughts, words, and works, apply,
Isa. 44. 3. *I will powre water upon him
that is thirsty, and floods upon the drye
ground.*

Isai. 58. 11. *The Lord shall satisfy
thy soule in drougt, and make fat thy
bones, and thou shalt bee like a watred
garden, and like a spring of waters,
whose waters faile not.*

Ier. 17. 8. *He shall be as a tree planted
by the waters, that spreadeth out her
root.*

roots by the river, and shall not see when heat commeth : but her leafe shall bee green, and shall not bee carefull in the yeare of drought, neither shall cease from yeilding fruit.

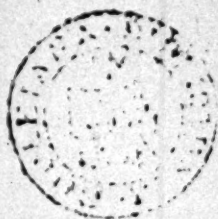
Icr. 31. 12. Their soule shall bee as a watred garden.

Iam. 4. 6. God giveth grace unto the humble.

Isa. 35. 6, 7. In the wildernesse shall waters break out, and streames in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a poole, and the thirsty land springs of waters. That is, the most barren heart shall abound with grace, according to that promise. Ioh. 7. 38. Out of their bellies shall flow rivers of the waters of Life.

Isa. 41. 17, 18. When the poore and needy seeke water, and there is none, and their tongues faile for thirst, I the Lord will heare them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them : I will open rivers in
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high places: and fountaines in the midst of the valleyes: I will make the wilderness a poole of water, and the drye land springs of water. I will plant in the wilderness the Cedar, the Shittah-tree, and the Mirtle, and the Olive tree: I will set in the desert the Firre-tree, and the Pine, and the Box tree together. So now though thou feelest thy heart barren, know that God will bee thy Gardiner to thy barren heart, to make pooles, and plant pleasant grapes of graces; therefore seeing he taketh upon himselfe the worke, feare not the badnesse of the ground, for hee will make it good as a fruitfull garden.



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THE XXIII. LEGACY.

If thou wantest the spirit.

IF thou feelest thou wantest the spirit of God, apply, Ezek. 36. 27. *I will put my spirit within you.*

Luke 11. 13. *If yee then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the holy Spirit to them that aske him.*

Joel 2. 28. 29. *I will powre out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sonnes and your daughters shall prophesie, your old men shall dreame dreames, and your young men shall see visions, And also upon the servants, & upon the handmaids in those dayes will I powre out my spirit.*

Ioh. 14. 16. 17. *And I will pray the Father,*

Father, and hee shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever: even the Spirit of truth, hee dwelleth in you, and shall be in you, I will not leave you comfortlesse, I will come to you.

When thou canst not pray thy selfe, stay thy selfe on these prayers, that Christ hath prayed, to the Father to give the Spirit, and he was heard in all hee prayed for, therefore thou maist claime it, though thy prayers bee but weake.

THE XXIV. LEGACY.

*If looking on Gods love, thou
canst not love God againe.*

WHen thou lookest upon the great love of God unto thee, and canst not finde thine

thine heart enlarged in loving God again, apply this promise, Deut. 30. 9. *I will circumcise thine heart, that thou maist love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soule.*

THE XXV. LEGACY.

If thou canst not bring thine heart to delight in the Lord.

WHen thou canst not bring thine heart to delight in the Lord, apply, Isai. 41. 16. *Thou shalt rejoyce in the Lord, and glory in the holy one of Israel.*

Psal. 89. 16. In thy name shall they rejoyce all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

Iob. 22. 26. For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty.

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Psal. 33. 21. *For our heart shall rejoyce in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.*

When thou seeest cause of rejoycing in the Lord, and yet canst not move thine affections, apply, *They shall rejoyce in him.*

If through many troubles and temptations, thou findest thy joyes often interrupted, apply, *they shall rejoyce continually in thy name.*

THE XXVI. LEGACY.

*If thou feelest not Gods feare
in thine heart.*

Vhen wee feele not the feare of God, in our hearts, apply, Ier. 33. 40. *I will put my feare in their hearts.*

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If we would have a reverent feare of God, when we performe any holy duty, or at other times, as thou feelest thy need, so urge the Lord with this his promise, for he delights to be sued to, upon his promise, by his servants, Ezek. 36. 37. *I will yet for this bee inquired of by the house of Israel to doe it for them.*

THE XXVII. LEGACY.

*If thine heart will not praise
the Lord.*

VWhen thou canst not bring thine heart to praise the Lord, apply Isa. 43. 21. *This people have I formed for my selfe, they shall shew forth my praise.* Ioel 2. 26. *Yee shall eat in plenty, and bee*

be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God.

Psal. 22. 29. They shall praise the Lord that seeke him.

When thou seest what great things God hath done for thee, and findest not thy self able to set forth his praise, apply, *They shall set forth my praise.*

When thou findest thy ingratefull heart not affected with the mercies thou enjoyest, so as they stirre thee not up to praise the Lord, apply, *Hee shall eat and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord.*

THE XXVIII. LEGACY.

If thou wantest wisdom.

WHen thou seest thy want of wisdom makes thee not walke like a Christian, so unblameably

unblameably as thou ought, apply,
*Iam. 1. 5. If any of you lacke wisdom, let
 him aske of God that giveth to all men
 liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall
 be given him.*

When thou findest thou want'st
 wisdom to improve thine afflictions
 to the best advantage, or for the orde-
 ring of thy actions, occasions and
 course of life, to Gods glory and the
 good of others, and thy selfe, then
 faile not to aske wisdom, and doubt
 not of the obtaining of it.

THE XXIX. LEGACY.

*If thou canst not understand
 Gods voyce.*

VVhen thou canst not un-
 derstand the voyce of
 God

God in his word, or works, not knowing what to learne by them, apply, Isa. 35. 5. *The eares of the deafe shall bee unstopped.* That is, those that were deafe, not understanding any thing, shall be made to heare, that is, to understand.

Ioh. 10. 16. *Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold, them also I must bring, and they shall heare my voyce.* Which is a promise to the Gentiles, that they shall understand the voyce of God.

THE XXX. LEGACY.

*If thou canst not see into the
mysteries of the Gospell.*

IF thou canst not see into the divine mysteries of the Gospell, apply, Isa.

35. 5. *The eyes of the blind shall be opened. Isa. 42. 7. Hee shall open the eyes of the blind. Luk. 4. 18. Hee hath sent me to recover sight to the blind.*

These places are what Christ will doe to his people, therefore wee need not feare our diseale, seeing Christ is our Physitian. If every creature that, for which it was ordained, then hee will surely doe that which hee was sent to doe of the Father, to give sight to the blind.

THE XXXI. LEGACY.

*If thou seest a good way and hast
no power to walke in it.*

WHenthou seest a good way,
and hast no power to walke
in it, or art to performe any
duty,

duty, ordinary or extraordinary, and feekest no strength to walke in that way, apply, Ezek. 36. 72. *And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walke in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgements, and doe them.*

When thou lookest at the greatnesse of the duty which God commands, looke also at the largenesse of his promises for the keeping of them, and then thou wilt not be discouraged at it. What matters it what hee commands, seeing we have his promise?

If thou fearest the strictnesse of thy wayes that thou shalt not bee able to walke in them, though thou step into them sometimes, strengthen thy faith in this promise, I will give thee my Spirit to cause thee to walke in my wayes. Can Sinne or Satan then resist Nay surely the Spirit is stronger, and greater is hee that is in us, then those that are against us. And when wee see
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great duties which God commands, and feare wee shall want strength to doe them, apply, Hee hath said, *You shall keep my judgements and doe them.*

Isai. 40. 31. They shall runne, and not be weary, they shall walke and not bee faint. That is, Those which of themselves could not step one step, shall be able to runne swiftly in the wayes of God.

THE XXXII. LEGACY.

If thou wantest memory.

VVHen thou wantest memory to remember the Word of God, apply, *Ioh. 14. 26. But the Comforter which is the holy Ghost, whom the Father will send*

send in my name, hee shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

THE XXXIII. LEGACY.

When thou seeſt thine ignorance.

V **V** *hen thou ſeeſt thine ignorance, and feareſt thou ſhalt not bee able to glorify God as thou mighteſt, if thou had'ſt more knowledge, ſtirre up thy ſelfe to deſire and apply, Ier. 31. 33. 34. Thus ſaith the Lord, I will put my Law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts, and they ſhall all know me, ſaith the Lord, from the greateſt to the leaſt. Hoſea 2. 20. Thou ſhalt know the Lord. Prov. 1. 23. I will*

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powre out my Spirit unto you, I will make knowne my words unto you.

Psal. 25. 9. 12. 14. The meek will bee guide in Iudgement: and the meek will be teach his way. What man is hee that feareth the Lord? him shall he teach in the way that he shall chuse. The secret of the Lord is with them that feare him: and he will shew them his covenant.

Prov. 2. 4. 9. 11, 12, 13. If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for treasures: Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgement, and equity, yea every good path. Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee, to deliver thee from the way of the evill man, from the man that speaketh froward things: who leave the paths of uprightness, to walke in the wayes of darknesse. Isai. 11. 9. The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord. Prov. 8. 17. Those that seek me early shall find me. Isai. 35. 8. The foole shall not erre.

John

John. 7. 17. *If any man will doe his will, he shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God, or whether I speak of my selfe.*

Isai. 32. 3, 4. *The eyes of them that see shall not be dimme, and the eares of them that heare shall hearken The heart also of the rash, shall understand knowledge.*

When thou thinkest of the great mystery of God manifest in the flesh, and of one divine essence, and three persons, and see'st thy owne inability to conceive of this great God, apply, *They shall all know the Lord. The heart of the foole shall understand.*

When wee feare, God will not reveale his will to us, apply, *I will powre out my mind to you. Hee will teach the humble his wayes. He will teach him the way he shall chuse.*

If thou fearest that though God reveale his will, yet thy ignorance is such, as thou shalt not bee able to understand it, apply, *I will canse you to*

understand. Thou shalt understand judgement, righteousness, equity, and every good path.

If thou fearest, men will draw thee away to errour, apply, Counsell shall preserve thee, and understanding shall keep thee, and deliver thee from the evill way, and from the man that speaketh froward things, and from them that leave the wayes of righteousness, to walke in the wayes of darknesse. The fooles shall not erre. He shall know the doctrine whether it be of God.

THE XXXIV. LEGACY.

*If thou desirest grace and
art not satisfied.*

IF thou desirest Grace, and thy desires are not satisfied, apply, Psalme

35. 7. Delight thy selfe also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart.

Psal. 145. 19. He will fulfill the desires of them that feare him.

Psal. 81. 10. Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

Match. 5. 6. Blessed are they which doe hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Prov. 10. 24. The desire of the righteous shall be granted.

Dost thou desire grace? fearest thou God will not grant thy desires? apply, He shall give thee thy hearts desire, he will fulfill thy desire.

Fearest thou that if he give grace, it wil be but a litle, apply, open thy mouth wide, & I will fill it. Thou shalt be filled.

Isai. 30. 18. Blessed are all they which waite for him. Hee will certainly have mercy upon thee at the voyce of thy cry, when he heareth he will answer.

When thou beginnest to faint with waiting, apply, *He will certainly have mercy upon thee.*

THE XXXV. LEGACY.

If thine heart be dead.

WHen thou feelest thy heart dead, that it will not stirre to God or goodnesse, apply, Plal. 22. 26. *Your heart shall live for ever.*

Prov. 3. 21. 22. *Keep sound wisdom and discretion, so shall they be life unto thy soule.*

Isai. 57. 15. *I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of contrite ones.*

Amos

Amos 5. 4. *Seeke the Lord and yee shall live.*

When thou fearest thou shalt never overcome the deadnesse of thy heart, apply, *Your heart shall live. Seek the Lord and ye shall live.*

When thou hast got some life, and fearest the loosing of it, apply, *Your hearts shall live for ever.*

THE XXXVI. LEGACY.

If thou fearest falling away.

When thou fearest thou shalt fall away, and beginnest to decline, apply, 1. Cor. 1. 8. *Christ shall also confirme you unto the end, that ye may be blamelesse in the day of our Lord Iesus Christ. Psal. 16. 8. I have set the Lord alwayes before me:*
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because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Psal. 145. 14. The Lord upholdeth all that fall: and raiseth up all those that be bowed down. Psal. 91. 12. 14. The righteous shall flourish like the Palmetree. Hee shall grow like a Cedar in Lebanon. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age: they shall be fat and flourishing. Psal. 1. 13. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season: his lease also shall not wither. Ps. 31. 24. He shall stablish thine heart. Iob. 11. 15. 27. Thou shalt be stedfast, thine age shall be cleaver then the noone day, thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt bee as the morning. Iudg. 5. 31. They that love the Lord shall bee as the Sunne, when it goeth forth in his might. Now wee see that nothing can hinder the Sun in his might, but it chaseth away the darknesse and clouds before it, and ceaseth not till it hath runne his race:
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so shall the child of God, for the Lord hath said it, we need not doubt of it. If thou fearest thine own weaknes, & the power of temptation, with the subtilty of Satan, apply, That God whose power and wisdom over-reacheth all other, hath said, *He will confirme you to the end. He shall stablsh thine heart, thy lease shall not fade.* Art thou hard pursued by sinne and Satan, apply, that God whose power and wisdom over-reacheth all, he hath said, *He will stablsh thee.* If thou be ready to fall and faint, apply, *The Lord upholdeth all them that fall, and lifteth up all them that are ready to fall: thou shalt not slide.* If thou fearest that thou bee kept from sinne, yet thy graces shall decay, apply, *The righteous shall flourish as a Palme tree, and shall grow as a Cedar in Lebanon. They shall bring forth fruit in their age, they shall be fat and flourishing; thou shalt bring forth fruit in sea*

son: thou shalt bee stable, thine age shall appeare more cleare than noone day. Thou shalt shine as the morning.

THE XXXVII. LEGACY.

If thou art fallen.

V **V** Hen wee are fallen and feare the Lord will leave us so, then apply, Psal. 55. 22. *Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustaine thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.*

Psal. 37. 24. 28. *Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast downe, for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand. For the Lord loveth judgement, & forsaketh not his Saints, they are preserved for ever.*

Ier. 32. 40. *I will put my feare in their hearts, that they shall not depart from*

from me. When thou art fallen, and feelest a great load of sinne or misery upon thee, and no power to unloade thy selfe, thy graces so weak, that they will not help thee, and therefore thou thinkest thy state desperate, apply, *Though he fall, he shall not be cast off, for the Lord putteth under his hand.* Therefore though sinne and misery be never so heavy to presse thee downe, yet that powerfull hand of God, when thou art at the lowest, being under thee, shall easily lift thee up, thou hast his promise, *hee will not suffer thee to fall for ever.*

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THE XXXVIII. LEGACY.

When the Lord hath forsaken thee.

WHen the Lord hath forsaken thee in thine owne feeling, and thou fearest he will not returne againe, apply, Isa. 54. 7, 8, 9, 10. *For a small moment have I forsaken thee: but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindnesse will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer. For this is as the waters of Noah unto me; for as I have sworne that the waters of Noah shall no more goe over the earth: so have I sworne that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. For*
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the Mountaines shall depart, and the Hills shall be removed: but my kindnesse shall not depart from thee; neither shall the covenant of my peace bee removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.

Gen. 17.7. I will establisth my covenant betwixt thee and me, an everlasting covenant to be a God unto thee.

Deut. 31.8. I will be with thee, I will not faile thee, neither forsake thee, feare not, neither be dismayed.

1. Kings 6. 13. I will not forsake my people.

2. Chron. 15.2. The Lord is with you while you be with him.

Iob. 8.20. Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man.

Iob 36.5. Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any.

Hos. 2.19,20. I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgement, and in loving kindnesse, and in mercies.

mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness.

THE XXXIX LEGACY.

When thou feelest thy vilenesse.

VWhen thou feelest thy vilenesse, and fearest, the Lord will loath thee for it, apply, Levit. 26. 11. *My soule shall not abhorre you.*

Hosca 14. 4. I will love them freely, for mine anger is turned away from them.

Deut. 7. 13. I will love thee.

Iohn 14. 21. 23. He that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest my selfe to him, my Father will love him, and wee will come unto him, and make our abode.

abode with him.

Ier. 32. 41. *I will rejoyce over them to doe them good.*

When thou seest a multitude of sinnes, so that thou seemest most loathsome, apply, *My soule shall not loath you.*

When thou seest nothing in thy selte that should move him to love thee, but all to the contrary, apply, *I will love them freely.*

If thou fearest thy many sinnes will cause the Lord not to delight in thee, apply, *I will delight in thee.*

If thou fearest, thy sinne will cause the Lord to hide himselfe from thee, apply, *I will shew mine owne selfe unto him.*

THE XL. LEGACY.

When thou feelest thy spirituall poverty.

When thou feelest thy spirituall poverty, apply, Matth. 5. 3. *Blessed are the poore in spirit; for theirs is the Kingdome of Heaven.*

Ila. 66. 2. To him will I look, saith the Lord, that is poore and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my words.

When thou feelest thy sinnes many, and thy graces very litle, and therefore fearest that such a miserable creature as thou art, shalt not inherit heaven, apply, *Blessed are the poore in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdome of Heaven.*

If thou feareh the Lord will not looke upon thee, apply, *To him will I looke, saith the Lord, that is of a contrite spirit.*

THE XLI. LEGACY.

When thou art in a strait.

WHen thou art in a strait, and knowest not what to chuse, either in some truth, or in something that is to be done, that thou knowest not what to chuse, apply, Psal. 25. 22. *Him shall he teach in the way that he shall chuse. vers. 13. His soule shall dwell at ease.*

Prov. 3. 6. *In all thy wayes acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

Prov. 16. 3. *Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall bee established.*

established.

Isai. 30. 21. And thine eare shall heare a word behind thee, saying, This is the way walke ye in it, when ye turne to the right hand, and when ye turne to the left.

Isai. 58. 11. The Lord shall guide thee continually.

Isai. 61. 8. I will cause their worke in truth.

Ier. 31. 9. I will cause them to walke by the rivers of waters, in a straight way wherein they shall not stumble.

When thou doubt'st of some truth, apply, He shall teach him the way that hee shall chuse, his soule shall dwell at ease, Thine eares shall heare a voice behind thee, saying, this is the way walke in it. I will direct thy way in truth.

When thou art thinking what course to take, and fearest thou shalt not know what the Lord would have thee to doe, apply, Thy thoughts shall be

be directed, he shall direct thy wayes.

When thou fearest thy weakenesse will at some times carry thee astray, apply, *The Lord will guide thee continually. The Lord will lead thee in a straight way, that thou shalt not stumble.*

THE XLII. LEGACY.

*If thou fearest Satan will
cause thee to fall.*

WHen thou fearest that Satan by his power and subtilty will cause thee to fall, and art troubled with his temptations, apply, *Gen. 3. 15. He shall bruise his head, Therefore feare not, for Christ hath overthrowne all his power and subtilty, that he cannot doe us any harme.*
Psal.

Pfal. 19.3,4. Surely hee shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler. He shall cover thee with his feathers: and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy Shield and Buckler.

Rom. 16.20. The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.

Doth Satan presse thee with strong temptations, and fearest thou his power? apply, He shall bruise his head. Hee will cover thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers, his strength shall be thy Buckler.

Fearest thou his subtilty? apply, Hee shall deliver thee from the snare of the Fowler, and bruise his head, wherein lyes all his power and plots.

THE XLIII. LEGACY.

*If thou canst not profit by
the word God.*

WHen thou canst not profit by the word of God, or his works of mercy, or afflictions, apply, Isai. 48. 17. *I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldst goe.*

Mat. 21. 41. *The Kingdome of God shall be taken from you, and given to a Nation bringing forth fruits thereof.*

This is a promise, that the Gentiles shall bring forth the fruits of the Gospel, therefore every believing Gentile may apply it.

THE XLIV. LEGACY.

If thou findest thy selfe unlike Gods people.

When thou findest thy selfe not like the people of God, either in heart or life, apply, *Ier. 32. 39. I will give them one heart, and one way.*

When thou seest thine heart not like the people of God, either in their affection to God, or his people, or ordinances, or in their sorrowing for sinne, apply, *I will give them one heart.*

When thou seest thy life and conversation not so holy as the people of God, apply, *I will give them one way.*

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THE XLV. LEGACY.

*If thou wouldst have Gods
blessing rest upon thee.*

IF thou wouldst have the blessing of the Lord to rest upon thee, apply, Psalme 5. 12. *The Lord will blesse the righteous.*

Deut. 7. 13. *I will blesse thee.*

Psalme 3. 8. *Thy blessing is upon thy people.*

Psal. 24. 5. *He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.*

Psal. 115. 12. 13. *The Lord will blesse us, he will blesse the house of Israel, hee will blesse the house of Aaron. Hee will blesse them that feare the Lord, both small and great.*

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THE XLVI. LEGACY.

*If thou would'st be a blessing
in thy place.*

IF thou would'st be a blessing in thy place, apply, Gen. 12. 2. *I will blesse thee, and thou shalt be a blessing.*

Ezek. 34. 26. *I will make them about my hill a blessing.*

THE XLVII. LEGACY.

*If thou separatest from the wicked
in their corrupt worship.*

WHEN thou separatest thy self from the wicked in their corrupt

corrupt worship and manners, apply, 2. Cor. 6. 16, 17, 18. *I will dwell in them, and walke in them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people: Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord; and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you; and will be a Father unto you; and ye shall be my sonnes and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*

Thus farre of Grace; the next Promises are about the meanes of Grace, either ordinary, or extraordinary.

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THE XLVIII. LEGACY.

*A promise to be applyed in
every ordinance.*

IN every Ordinance thou maist apply this promise, Isai. 12.3. *With joy shall you draw water out of the wels of salvation.* Now in that it is said, out of the Wels of salvation, and not Well, I thinke we ought to apply it to every ordinance of God, so as wee are to use them with a comfortable perswasion, that wee shall receive abundance of grace from them. As the Lord promisetht we shall draw waters from out of them, wee shall not only use them, but draw from them with joy. Therefore when we pray, meditate, heare, conferre, tast, in every duty,

ty, apply this promise, and you shall find him faithfull which promiseth.

THE XLIX. LEGACY.

When thou prayest.

WHen thou prayest apply these. promises for the strengthening of thy faith, and for thy hearing. Mat. 7. 7. *Aske, and it shall be given you, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you.*

Mat. 6. 6. *Pray to the Father which seeth in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.*

Mat. 21, 22. *And all things whatsoever ye shall aske in prayer, believing ye shall receive it.*

Iohn 14. 13, 14. *Whatsoever ye shall*
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aske in my name I will doe it.

Ioh. 16. 24. Aske and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

John 15. 7. Aske what you will, and it shall done unto you.

Isai. 65. 24. Before they call, I will answer, and while they are yet speaking, I will heare.

Iob 22. 7. Thou shalt make thy prayers unto him, and he shall heare thee, and if thou seek him, he will be found.

THE L. LEGACY.

When thou meditatest.

When thou meditatest, apply these promises, Prov. 14. 22. *Mercy and truth shall be to them that devise good.*

Psal. 103. 17, 18. The loving kindness

nesse of the Lord endureth for ever, to them which think upon his commandments to doethem.

Philip. 4. 8, 9. *Thinke on these things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seene in me, and the God of peace shall be with you.*

If thou desirest mercy, or the truth of God to be for thy good, or the loving kindesse of the Lord to bee for ever towards thee, and that God which brings peace with him, to be with thee, then meditate on good things, & with such a meditation, as may stirre thee up to practise, & thē all these promises shall surely be performed to thee. And because meditation is an hard duty, therefore encourage thy selfe to it by the benefit it brings, and it being a way of God, he will give thee his Spirit to cause thee to walke in it.

THE LI. LEGACY.

*In meditating, conferring, and
reading Gods word.*

IN meditating, conferring, and reading of the word of God, apply, Iosh. i. 8. *Let not this booke of the Law depart out of thy mouth, but meditate therein day and night, that thou maist observe to doe according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good successe.*

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THE LII. LEGACY.

*In reading of the word if
thou understandest not.*

IN reading of the word, if wee understand not, apply these promises,
Prov. 1. 23. *I will powre out my Spirit unto you, I will make knowne my words unto you.*

Prov. 1. 4. *It gives subtilty to the simple: to the young men knowledge and discretion.*

Plal. 19. 8. *The Commandement of the Lord is pure, inlightning the eyes.*

THE LIII. LEGACY.

If thou canst not conferre.

WHenthou canst not speake
in conference to edification,
but feelest thine heart shut
up, then apply, Iohn 7.38. *He that be-
lieveth on me, out of his belly shall flow
rivers of living water.*

Prov. 10. 31. *The mouth of the just
bringeth forth wisdom.*

Prov. 12. 14. *A man shall be satisfied
with good by the fruit of his mouth.*

Isai. 32. 4. *The tongue of the stamme-
rers shall be ready to speake plainly.*

Isai. 35. 6. *The dumbe mans tongue
shall sing.*

When thou art with the people of
God, that thou maist receive good
from

from them, and doe them good, apply, Prov. 13. 20. *He that walketh with wise men shall be wise.* So apply, Prov. 12. 14. Iohn. 7. 38. Ezek. 47. 12. *His fruit shall be meat, and his leaves medicine.*

If thou findest thy soule stand in need of wisdome, keep company with the people of God which are the only wise people, and then thou hast the only sure promises of the Lord, thou shalt bee wise. If thou hungrest after good, resort to the righteous, and thou shalt bee satisfied with good things. If thou feele thy selfe dead, apply, *out of him shall flow rivers of water of life*, for thy quickning. If thy soule be faint or sicke, apply, *His fruit shall be meat and his leaves medicine.* Let all this good which is gotten by their fellowship cause thee to delight in them, and take heed of forsaking the fellowship of the Saints.

When thou goest into company,

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apply.

apply these promises to thy selfe, that thou maist be so to others, and hinder not thy selfe, by unbeliefe.

THE LIV. LEGACY.

When thou art to goe to the assemblies.

WHen thou art to goe to the assemblies, to participate in the ordinances, apply, *In places where I record my name, I will come to thee and blesse thee.* If thou wantest the Lord, or his blessing, goe to his house, and thou shalt find him Psalme 36.8,9. *They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatnesse of thine house, and thou shalt make them drinke of the river of thy pleasures. For with thee is the fountaine of life, and in thy*

thy light shall we see light. Ps. 65. 4. We shall be satisfied with the goodnesse of thy house, even of thine holy Temple. Psalme 83. 11. The Lord God is a Sun and shield, the Lord will give grace and glory, and no good thing will he withhold. Psalme 92. 13. 14. Those that he planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in their old age: they shall bee fat and flourishing. Psalme 128. 5. The Lord shall blesse thee out of Sion. Isai. 25. 6, 7, 8. In this mountain shall the Lord of Hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wine on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees, well refined. Therefore when his ordinances are corrupted with mens inventions, then thou maist presse him with this promise, that he will give us wine fined and purified, even his purest ordinances, and most comfortable to

our hearts, as wine is. And when there is litle nourishment, becaule their gifts are weake, urge him with this, that he hath promised to make us a feast of fat things full of marrow; for I take this promise to be meant of the Churches after Christ, vers. 7. *And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the the vaile that is spread over all nations. Thy sins that are too strong for thee, bring them to the Lord in his ordinances, and he will destroy them, though thou seeme to be covered with them, and they spread as a vaile upon thee, yet believe his promises, and all things shall be possible unto thee. Isai. 57. 7. I will make them joyfull in mine house of prayer, their sacrifices shal be accepted at mine Altar. God will both give to them and accept from their sacrifices, as pleasing to him. 2. Chro. 20. 20. Believe his Prophets, so shall ye prosper.*
Prov. I.

Prov. 1. 5. A wise man will heare, and will encrease learning, and a man of understanding shall attaine unto wise counsels. Prov. 4. 10. 12. Heare and receive my sayings, and the yeares of thy life shall be many, when thou goest, thy steps shall not be strait, and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble. Mark. 4. 24. Vnto you that have, shall more be given. Isai. 55. 3. 11, 12. Incline your eares and come unto me, heare and your soules shall live; and I will make an everlasting Covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. My words shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. Therefore ye shall goe forth with joy, and be led forth with peace; the mountaines and the hils shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. vers. 13. Instead of the thorne shall come up the Firre tree, and instead of the bryer shall
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come up the Mirtle tree: this force shall the word have in thine heart for planting of Grace, and destroying of Sinne.

Hos. 14. 7. They that dwell under his shadow shall returne, they shall revive as the corne, and grow as the vine, the sent thereof shall be as the vine in Lebanon. If thou wouldst returne, apply this, he shall returne. If thou beest decayed, apply this, They shall revive as the corne. If thou wouldst flourish in grace, apply, They shall flourish as the Vine. If thou wouldst bee a sweet smelling favour in all places, apply, The sent thereof shall be as the Vine of Lebanon. Seeing all these good things come from the powerfull ordinances of the Lord, let us give him no rest, till he bestow these blessings upon us; when the Pastour of the people pronounceth the blessing, apply this promise, Num. 6. 27. I will blesse thee.

THE LV. LEGACY.

Wouldest thou enjoy the ordinances of God, and a blessing upon them.

Wouldest thou enjoy the ordinances of God, and a blessing upon them, apply, *Ier. 31. 14. I will satiate the soules of the Priests with fatnesse, and my people shall be satisfied with goodnesse.*

Ier. 3. 15. I will give you Pastours according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Ezek. 34. 26, 27. And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing, and I will cause the showre to come downe in his season: there shall bee showers of blessing. And the tree of the field

field shall yield her encrease, and the earth shall yield her fruit.

The promises are both for Pastor and people, the Pastor shall be able to teach with knowledge and understanding, his soule shall bee replenished with fatnesse, his teaching shall bee as seasonable showres of blessing, that shall make the people fruitfull. The people must apply these promises, first that God would give them able Teachers, and that they may find their ministry blessed unto them, according to these promises. That they may bee fed with knowledge and understanding, that they may bee satisfied with goodnesse, and that their teaching may bee seasonable showers of blessing to make them fruitfull, as it is promised, that the trees shall yield their fruit. How much are Gods ordinances to be desired, by which he doth convey so many blessings unto his people?

people? Let us give him no rest, till he furnish *Ierusalem* with all her ordinances and officers.

THE LVI. LEGACY.

*If thou enjoyest grace or
meanes of Grace.*

IF thou enjoyest glorious graces, or meanes of grace, and fearest the loosing of them, apply, *Isai, 4. 5. 6.* *Vpon all the glory shall be a defence. And there shall be a Tabernacle for a shadow in the day time from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storme, and from raine.*

Isai. 27. 3. *I the Lord doe keep it, I will water it every moment: least any hurt it, I will keep it night and day.*

Isai. 33. 16. *His place of defence shall be*

be the munition of Rockes, bread shall be given him, his waters shall be sure.

Hast thou any glorious grace or meanes of grace? Armethy selfe with the power of God in his promises, for the Devill will use all his forces and subtilty, to deprive thee of them; hast thou a glorious Minister, and pure ordinance, or glorious graces beginne to spring in thine heart, and seest no meanes to defend them? apply, *Vpon all thy glory he shall be a defence. His defence shall bee a munition of Rockes.* Seest thou an heart of sinne in thy self, or the rage of the wicked, that causeth thee to feare the losse of them? apply, *There shall be a covering for a shadow in the day for the heat.* Doth the Devill raise up stormes? inwardly persecuti-
ons? apply, *The defence and covering shall be a place of refuge, and covert for the storme, and for the raine.* Fearest thou the subtilty of thine enemies,
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that unawares when thou thinkest not on them, they will surprise thee, and steale thy blessing from thee: apply, *I the Lord doe keepe it night and day.* If thou fearest God will not continue thus to thee, apply. *I will water it every moment;* not one moment, but hee will be adding and nourishing: *Bread shall be given him, and his waters shall be sure.*

THE LVII. LEGACY.

*When thou art banished from
Gods ordinances.*

WHen thou art banished from Gods ordinances, apply these promises for thy returne, *Isai. 35. 10. The ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Sion with songs,*

songs, and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtaine joy and gladnesse, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Ier. 3. 14. I will take you two of a family, and one of a Cittie, and will bring you to Sion. Deut. 30. 4. If any of thine be driven out to the utmost parts of heaven, from thence will the Lord thy God gather thee, and from thence will hee fetch thee. Ezek. 34. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16. Behold I, even I will both search my sheep and seek them out. As a Sheeheard seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his Sheep that are scattered: so will I seek out my Sheep, and will deliver them out of all places, where they have been scattered in the cloudy and darke day. And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their owne land, and feed them upon the mountaines of Israel, by the rivers, and in

in all the inhabited places of the Countrey. I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountaines of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lye in a good fold, & in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountaines of Israel. I will feed my flock, & I will cause them to lye down, saith the Lord God. I will seek that which was lost, and bring againe that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick.

If thou mournest for Gods ordinances, apply, Thou shalt not onely returne to Sion, but returne with joy, and sorrow shall flye away. If thou beest but one amongst many which desirest it, and fearest thou shalt bee left among them, apply, I will take you, one of a city, and two of a Tribe: though thou beest but one of a City that returneth to the Lord, he will bring thee to Sion from all the rest. If thou art farre removed

moved from all meanes , and that the
 Lord hath done it for thy sin , apply,
*Though thou wert cast into the outmost
 part of the Heaven , thence will the
 Lord gather thee, and from thence will
 the Lord gather thee, & from thence wil
 he take thee; he will deliver them from
 all places where they have been scattered
 in the cloudy and darke day , and will
 feed them in good pastures , and will
 bring them to rest.*

THE LVIII. LEGACY.

*Whilst thou art banish't from
 Gods house.*

WHilst thou art banished
 from Gods house , apply,
 Ezek. II. 16. *I will be unto
 them as a little Sanctuary in the coun-
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tries where they shall come. *Isai. 40. 11.*
He shall feed his flock like a shepheard
he shall gather the Lambes with his
arme, and carry them in his bosome, and
shall gently lead those that are with
young.

In thy banishment, at those houres
when thy soule was wont to be refre-
shed in the Sanctuary of God on the
Sabbath, and at other times when
thou findest thy selfe to stand in need
either of defence, or nourishment, ap-
ply, *I will be a Sanctuary unto you. He
shall feed his flock as a shepheard.* If in
this time thou feelest thy selfe very
weake, apply, *He shall gather his Lambs
in his armes, and carry them in his bo-
some, and guide them with young:* they
cannot milcarry that are shut up in the
bosome of God, nor feare, who are
guided by him. Therefore though we
be never so weake in our selves, yet
here is our comfort, we are safe in our
God:

God: O happy people, saved by the Lord.

THE LIX. LEGACY.

*When wicked shepherds
are over us.*

WHen wicked shepherds are over us, then apply, Eze. 34. 10. Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my flock at their hands, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock: neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more. for I will deliver my flock from their mouth; that they may not be meat for them. vers. 21. 22. Because ye have thrust with side, and with shoulder, and pushed all the diseased with your hornes, till yee have

have scattered them abroad : Therefore will I save my flock , and they shall no more be a prey , and I will cause the wild beasts to cease out of the land.

When the shepherds feed themselves , and are ready to devoure us , apply , The shepherds shall not feed themselves any more . I will deliver my sheep from their monthes , they shall no more devoure them.

When through their greatnesse and our weaknesse , they push us so with their hornes , that wee are scattered , both shepherds from people , and one from another , apply , I will help my sheep , and they shall no more be spoyled ; I will cause the wild beasts to cease out of the land.

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THE LX. LEGACY.

*When through wicked shepheards
thou art come to great misery.*

WHen through evill shep-
heards we are come to great
misery, apply, Ezek. 34. 16.
*I will seek that which was lost, and
bring again that which was driven a-
way, and will bind up that which was
broken, and will strengthen that which
was sick. Isai. 30. 20. Though the Lord
give you the bread of adversity, and the
water of affliction, yet shall not thy tea-
chers bee removed into a corner any
more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers.*
When through evill shepheards thou
art come to such an estate as thou fee-
lest thy selfe to have lost God and
goodnesse,

goodnesse, and art driven away from all things that might help thee, apply, *I will seek that which was lost, I will bring again that which was driven away.* When thou art even broken with milery, and growne very weak, apply, *I will bind up that which was broken, and strengthen that which was weake.* When thy Teachers which should help thee in this estate, are forced to flye and hide themselves for feare of wicked shepheards, apply, *Thy teachers shall not bee removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy Teachers.*

Thus farre of the ordinances of God, which are ordinary; Now for the duty of Fasting, which is extraordinary.

THE LXI LEGACY.

*When thou settest thy
selfe to fast.*

WHen thou settest thy selfe to fast, apply, Matth. 6. 18. *If thou fast in secret, thy Father which seeth in secret will reward thee openly.*

Iam. 4. 8. 10. Draw nigh unto God, and he will draw nigh unto you. Humble your selves in the sight of the Lord and he shall lift you up.

Thus farre of the meanes of Grace. The next promises are when wee suffer persecution for well-doing, for all that will live godly must suffer persecution: therefore strengthen thy selfe with these promises.

THE

THE LXII. LEGACY.

*If thou art railed upon for
well-doing.*

IF thou art railed upon for well-doing, apply, 1. Pet. 4. 14. *If yee be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye, for the Spirit of God, and of glory resteth upon you.*

Mat. 5. 11, 12. *Blessed are yee, when men revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoyce and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so persecuted they the Prophets which were before you.*

THE LXIII. LEGACY.

If thou are persecuted.

WHen they persecute thee any other wayes even unto death, apply, Mat. 10. 39. *He that loseth his life for my sake, shall find it. Matth. 5. 10. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousnesse sake: for theirs is the Kingdome of Heaven.* When we loose any earthly blessing for Gods cause, apply, Matth. 19. 24. *Every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands for my names sake, shall receive an hundred fold, and shall inherit everlasting life.*

This is the greatest (and yet lawfull) usury of all others, to part with
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one outward blessing, and to receive an hundred for it; to loose a miserable life, and to enjoy eternall life; to suffer a short time, and to have a great reward in heaven; to be disgraced, and to have the Spirit of glory rest upon us. Therefore when thou art railed upon, apply, *Blessed am I, the Spirit of glory rests upon me, therefore they cannot make me vile.* Art thou any way persecuted? apply, *Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven; great is your reward in Heaven.* Take they thy life? apply, *He that looseth his life for my sake shall find it.* Take they away any earthly blessing? thou shalt receive an hundreth fold at this present; therefore if Usurers gladly let out their money, that hope to receive but eight in the hundreth, bee ashamed of thy selfe, that thou shouldst not give one for an hundreth, when thou hast the promise of him that never failed to performe.

THE LXIV. LEGACY.

In partaking with Gods people in suffering.

IN partaking with Gods people in suffering, that thou maist be partaker of their comforts, apply, 1. Cor. 1. 6. *As you are partakers of the sufferings: so shall ye be also of the consolation.*

THE LXV. LEGACY.

When thou art called to defend the truth.

WHen thou art called forth to defend the truth, apply, Matth. 10. 19. *When they deliver*

deliver you up, take no thought, how, or what ye ſhall ſpeak, for it ſhall be given you in that ſame houre what yee ſhall ſpeake.

Luke 21.15. I will give you a mouth and wiſdome which all your adverſaries ſhall not bee able to gaineſay nor reſiſt.

Math. 10.32. Whoſoever confeſſeth me before men, him will I confeſſe before my Father which is in heaven.

When thou feareſt thou ſhalt not be able to ſpeake in defence of the truth, apply, It ſhall be given thee, though thou haſt it not before, in that houre, what thou ſhalt ſay.

If thou feareſt the learning of thine adverſaries, and thine owne ſimpleneſſe, apply, I will give thee not onely a mouth, but alſo wiſdome, where againſt they ſhall not be able to ſpeake. If thou want courage, embolden thy ſelfe with this, Chriſt will confeſſe thee before his father.

THE LXVI. LEGACY.

If thou wouldest bring forth seasonable fruit for every estate.

IF thou wouldst bring forth seasonable fruit for every estate, and for every duty, apply, Psal. 1. 3. *Thou shalt as a tree which bringeth forth his fruit in season.* Ezek. 47. 12. *Hee shall bring forth fruit according to his moneths.* If thou art to speake or pray, or doe any duty, that thou maist doe it seasonably, and have fitting words and thoughts, apply, *Thou shalt bring forth fruit in season.* So in every estate, prosperity or adversity, that thou maist bring forth the fruits of it, apply, *They shall bring forth fruit in season according to their moneths.*

Thus

Thus farre about spirituall things. The next promises, are about earthly things: and because Children are the most excellent, therefore I will begin with them.

THE LXVII. LEGACY.

If thou hast children.

IF thou hast children, apply, Ps. 112.
2. *His seed shall be mighty upon earth:
the generation of the just shall be blessed.*

Deut. 7. 13. *He will blesse the fruit of thy womb.* Gen. 17. 7. *I will establish my covenant between me and thee, and thy seed after thee, in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.* Mai. 44. 3. 4. *I will powre out my Spirit up-*

on thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: and they shall spring up as among the grasse, as willowes by the water-courses. If thou desirest grace and Gods blessing for thy children, apply, I will powre my spirit and blessing upon thy seed. If thou wouldest have them grow up in it, apply, They shall grow as among the grasse, and as the willowes by the water courses. If thou wouldest have them in covenant with thy selfe, thy God to be theirs, apply, I will make an everlasting covenant with thee, to be God to thee, and to thy seed after thee. Desirest thou outward things for them? apply, His seed shall bee mighty upon earth.



THE

THE LXVIII. LEGACY.

If thou wantest children.

IF thou wantest children, apply, Deut. 7. 14. *Thou shalt be blessed above all people, there shall neither be male nor female barren among you.* Deut. 28. 11. *The Lord shall make thee plentiful in the fruit of thy body.* Psal. 128. 3. *Thy wife shall be as a fruitful Vine by the sides of thine house, thy children like Olive plants, round about thy table.* vers. 4. 6. *Loe thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord. Thou shalt see thy childrens children.*

If thou hast conceived, apply this promise for keeping of it, Exod. 23. 26. *There shall none cast their young, nor be barren in thy land.* This, and all other

ther promises of earthly things, are to be applyed so faire as is good for us: we are not to doubt of them.

THE LXIX. LEGACY.

If the Lord deny thee children.

IF the Lord deny thee children, apply, Isai. 56. 5. *To them will I give mine house, and within my walls a place and a name better then of Sonnes and of Daughters, I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.*

THE

THE LXX. LEGACY.

*If thou wouldst have a comfortable
and holy use of thy habitation.*

IF thou wouldst have the comfortable and holy use of thine habitation, apply, Job. 5. 24. *Thou shalt know that thy Tabernacle shall be in peace, and thou shalt visit thine habitation, and not sinne.*

Psalme 91. 10. *There shall no evill befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.* Prov. 14. 11. *The Tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.* Prov. 12. 7. *The house of the righteous shall stand.*

If thou wouldst prosper in thine house, apply, Peace shall be in it. No plague shall come neer it. It shall flourish.

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If thou wouldst have it continue so, apply, *It shall stand*. That they may not be a snare to thee, but that thou maist use thy blessing, and not sinne, apply, *Thou shalt visit thy habitation, and not sinne.*

THE LXXI. LEGACY.

If thou wouldst have thy going out, and comming in blessed.

IF thou wouldst have thy comming in and going out blessed, apply, Deut. 28. 6. *Blessed shalt thou be when thou comcest in, and blessed shalt thou bee when thou goest out, Psalme 121. 8. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy comming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore.*

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When thou goest out, if thou wouldst have heavens and earth, and all creatures blessed to thee, and bee made able to make the spirituall use of them, apply, *Blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out, and when thou comest in. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy comming in.* If thou wouldst have the continuance of it, apply, *from this time forth for evermore.*

THE LXXII. LEGACY.

When thou eatest or enjoyest any blessing, that it may satisfy, and be sanctified.

WHen thou eatest or enjoyest any blessing, that it may satisfy, thee and thou maist have

have the sanctified use of it, apply, *Joel 2. 26. Ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord our God.*

That thy meat and outward blessings may give thee content, and satisfy thee, apply, *Thou shalt eat and be satisfied.*

That thou maist have the sanctified use of it, apply, *Thou shalt praise the Lord.*

THE LXXIII. LEGACY.

*When thou takest thy rest
at night, &c.*

When thou takest thy rest at night, apply, *Prov. 3. 24. When thou lyeſt downe thou ſhalt not bee afraid: yea thou ſhalt lye down,*

down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

*Iob 11.19. Also thou shalt lye down,
and none shall make thee afraid.*

*If thou art troubled with feares of
the night, apply, Thou shalt not be a-
fraid.*

*When thou takest thy rest, apply,
None shall make thee afraid.*

*If thou art troubled with any thing
that breaks thy rest, apply, Thy rest
shall be sweet.*

THE LXXIV. LEGACY.

*When thou puttest thy hand
to any worke.*

WHen thou puttest thine hand
to any worke, that it may
be blessed, apply, Deut. 28.

*12. The Lord shall blesse all the work of
thine*

thine hand. Deut. 30. 9. The Lord thy God will make thee plentious in every work of thine hand. The Lord will not only blesse some of thy works, but every one; therefore in every worke send up short prayers for the claiming of them, and so at our going out, and comming in, or sleeping, renew these promises upon thy selfe, by faith applying them, and by prayer suing for them.

THE LXXV. LEGACY.

· If thou wouldst have thine outward blessings blessed.

IF thou wouldst have thy outward blessings blessed of God, apply, Deut. 28. 4, 5. *Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground,*

ground, and the fruit of thy cattell, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Blessed shall bee thy basket and thy store. Deut. 7. 13. 14. The Lord will also bleſſe the fruit of thy wombe, and the fruit of thy land, thy corne, and thy wine, and thine oyle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. There shall be neither male nor female barren among you, or among your cattell. That thy goods and thine house may be blessed, apply, *Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.* If thou beeſt in debt, apply, Deut. 28. 12. *Thou shalt lend unto many, and shalt not borrow.*

THE

THE LXXVI. LEGACY.

If thou desirest to enjoy the labours of thine hands.

IF thou desirest to enjoy the labours of thine hands, apply, *Isai. 65. 21, 22, 23.* They shall build houses and inhabit them, they shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat: for as the dayes of a tree are the dayes of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the works of their hands. They shall not labour in vaine, nor bring forth for trouble. *Psal. 128. 2.* Thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands.

THE

THE LXXVII. LEGACY.

*If thou art diligent in thy
calling.*

WHen thou art diligent in thy
calling, apply, Prov. 12. 14.
24. *The recompence of a mans
hands shall be rendered unto him. The
hand of the diligent shall beare rule.*
When thou enjoyest that thou hast
laboured for, apply, Psalme 128. 2.
*Thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands:
happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well
with thee.*

THE

THE LXXVIII. LEGACY.

*When thou seest wicked men follow
unsatisfying things with rest-
lesse desires and thou de-
sirest content.*

When thou seest the wicked
to bee carried with restlesse
desires, hungrying and thir-
sting after those things which satisfy
them not, and thou desirest content,
apply, Isai. 65. 13, 14. *Thus saith the
Lord, behold my servants shall eat, but
ye shall be hungry: behold my servants
shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty, behold
my servants shall rejoyce, but yee
shall be ashamed: Behold my servants
shall sing for joy of heart, but yee shall
cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howle
for vexation of spirit.*

THE

THE LXXIX. LEGACY.

*If thou fearest thou shalt loose
by following the Lord.*

IF thou fearest thou shalt loose by following the Lord, apply Psalme 37.9.11.18,19. *Those that waite upon the Lord shall inherit the earth, their inheritance shall be for ever: they shall not be ashamed in the evill time. They shall inherit the earth, and delight themselves in the abundance of peace. Psalm. 112.3. Wealth and riches shall bee in his house. Iob. 22, 23, 24. Thou shalt be built up, thou shalt lay up gold as dust, and the gold of Ophir as the Stones of the brookes veri. 25. Yea, the Almighty shall bee thy defence, and thou shalt have plenty of silver.*

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Gen. 15.

Gen. 15. 1. I am thy exceeding great reward. Fearest thou the losse of thy land, apply, Thou shalt inherit the earth, their inheritance shall be for ever. Thou shalt possesse the earth. Doe others trouble thee? apply, They shall have their delight in the multitude of peace. Art thou poore, or fearest the losse of thy goods? apply, Riches and treasure shall be in his house. Art thou oppressed by the wicked? apply, The Almighty shall be thy defence.

THE LXXX. LEGACY.

*When thou hast lost blessings
by sinne.*

WHen thou hast lost blessings by sinne, apply these promises for their recovery, Ioel.

2. 24.

2.24,25,26. The floores shall be full of Wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oyle, and I will restore to you the yeares that the Locust hath eaten, the canker-worme, the caterpillar, and the palme-worme: and yee shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the Lord. Deut. 30.5. I will multiply you above your fathers.

THE LXXXI. LEGACY.

*If thou fearest losse of thy
good name.*

IF thou fearest the losse of thy good name, apply, Iob. 5.21. Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue. Iob. 11.15. Thou shalt lift up thy face without spot. Psal. 37.6. He shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and

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thy judgement as the noone day. Prov. 10.7. The memory of the just is blessed. Fearest thou the wicked will take away thy good name, apply, Thou shalt bee hid from the scourge of the tongue. Cast they blots upon thee? apply, Thou shalt lift up thy face without spot. Seek they to darken the light of thy holy life? apply, He shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgement as the noone day.

THE LXXXII. LEGACY.

If the world despise thee, &c.

IF the World despise thee, comfort thy selfe with these promises, Exo. 19.5. *Ye shall be Gods peculiar treasure above all people. 1. Sam. 3.30. Those that*

that honour me will I honour, saith the Lord. Ps. 91. 14. I will set him on high, because he hath knowne my name. Psal. 112. 9. His horne shall bee exalted with honour. Iohn 12. 26. If any man serve me, him will my Father honour. Prov. 4. 7, 8, 9. Get wisdome, exalt her, and Shee shall promote thee, Shee shall bring thee to honour when thou dost embrace her; Shee shall give to thine head an ornament of grace, a crowne of glory shall Shee deliver to thee.

When the world counts thee as the off-scouring of the world, vile, nought-worth: apply, He shall be Gods chiefe treasure above all people. Doth the world debase thee? apply, The Lord will exalt thee. The Father will honour him.

THE LXXXIII. LEGACY.

*When thou art in want for
soule or body.*

WHen thou art in any want
for soule or body, apply,
Psalme 34. 9. 10. *There is
no want to them that feare him. The
young Lions doe lack and suffer hunger,
but they that seek the Lord shall not
want any good thing. Psalme 84. 11.
No good thing will hee withhold from
them that walke uprightly. Mat. 6. 33.
Seek yee first the Kingdome of God and
his righteousness, and all these things
shall be added unto you. Art thou trou-
bled with distracting cares for out-
ward things? apply, Seek the King-
dome of Heaven and his righteousness,
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and all other things shall bee cast upon you. Fearest thou that thou shalt bee overpressed with want? apply, Those that seek the Lord, shall want no good thing. No good thing will bee withhold from them that walke uprightly.

THE LXXXIV. LEGACY.

In liberall giveing.

IN liberall giving apply these promises, Prov. 11. 25. *The liberall soule shall be made fat, and hee that watreth shall be watred also himselfe.*

Prov. 19. 17. *Hee that hath pittie on the poore, lendeth to the Lord: and that which he hath given will hee pay him again.*

Matth. 6. 4. *Give in secret, and thy Father himselfe shall reward thee openly.*

ly. 2. Cor. 9. 6. 10. 11. He which soweth bountifully shall reape bountifully. He that ministreth seed to the sower, doth minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sowne, and increase the fruits of your righteousness, being enriched in every thing to all bountifullnesse.

Isai. 58. 10. 11. If thou draw out thy soule to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soule: then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darknesse bee as the noone day.

And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soule in drought, and make fat thy bones, and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of waters, whose waters faile not.

When thou givest to the people of God, and entreatest them kindly, apply, Matth. 10, 41. 42. He that receiveth a Prophet in the name of a Prophet, shall receive a Prophets reward: and he
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that receiveth a righteous man, in the name of a righteous man, shall receive a righteous mans reward. And whosoever shall give to drinke unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water onely in the name of a Disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise loose his reward.

THE LXXXV. LEGACY.

If sicknesse be among us.

IF sicknesse be amongst us, apply, Exod. 23.52. *I will take sicknesse away from the midst of thee.*

Psalme 43.3. *The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sicknesse.*

Deut. 7.15. *And the Lord will take away from thee all sicknesse, and will*

put none of the evill diseases of Ægypt upon thee.

If the plague bee among us, apply, Psalme 91.3.6.7. Surely hee shall deliver thee from the noysome pestilence. Thou shalt not be afraid of the pestilence that walketh in darknesse, nor for the destruction that wasteth at noone day, A thousand shall fall at thy side, and tenne thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee.

Art thou sick? apply, The Lord wil strengthen him upon the bed of sorrow: thou wilt make all his bed in his sicknesse.

Art thou there where the sick are? apply, I will take away all sicknesse from the midst of thee.

Fearest thou the pestilence? apply, I will deliver thee from the noysome pestilence.

THE LXXXVI. LEGACY.

If thou fearest death.

IF thou fearest death, apply, Isai. 57.
2. *He shall enter into peace, they shall
rest in their beds.* None feares to goe
to bed, when they know they shall
rest being weary. This resting is more
sure and lasting for ever. Rom. 8. 11.
*He that raised up Christ from the dead,
shall quicken our mortall bodies.* There-
fore wee must not thinke of it but as a
better life given by the spirit of God.

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THE LXXXVII. LEGACY.

If thou fearest untimely death.

IF thou fearest untimely death, apply, Iob. 5. 26. *Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corne commeth in, in his season.* Exo. 23. 26. *The number of thy dayes will I fulfill.* Psal. 91. 16. *With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.* Psal. 41. 2. *The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive, and he shall be blessed upon the earth.*

Hast thou many enemies, and fearest the losse of thy life by them? apply, *the number of thy dayes will I fulfill: the Lord will preserve him and keep him alive, therefore man cannot shorten it one day.*

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Fearest thou that thou shalt either live too long, or dye too soone? apply, *Thou shalt goe to thy grave in a full age, as a rick of corne commeth in due season into the barne.*

THE LXXXVIII. LEGACY.

If thou fearest hurt by any of the creatures.

IF thou fearest hurt by any of the creatures, apply, Gen. 9. 2. *The feare of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowle of the ayre, upon all that moveth upon the earth, upon all the fishes of the sea, into your hand are they delivered, Iob. 5. 23. Thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field: and the beast of the field shall be at peace with thee.*

THE

THE LXXXIX. LEGACY.

When thou hast a troubled heart?

WHen thine heart is troubled either for soule or body, apply, Phil. 4. 7. *The peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds. Psal. 29. 11. The Lord will blesse his people with peace.*

Is thine heart troubled with many temptations of Satan, or with feares of sinne and misery? apply, *The peace of God shall preserve your hearts.* Hast thou many troubles outwardly? apply, *The Lord shall blesse his people with peace.*

THE

THE XC. LEGACY.

*If thou wouldst have thy
purpose to prosper.*

IF thou wouldst have thy purposes to prosper, apply, Iob. 22. 28. *Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy wayes.*

Psal. 1. 3. Whatsoever he doth shall prosper. Psal. 37. 5. Commit thy way unto the Lord: trust also in him, and he shall bring it to passe.

When thou often purposest to doe good both for thy soule and body, and yet findest thy purposes broken, apply, *Thou shalt decree a thing, and the Lord shall stablish it unto thee. He shall bring it to passe. When thou art in doing*

ing of any thing, apply, *Whatsoever he doth shall prosper.*

THE XCI. LEGACY.

*When thou art called to a
great worke.*

When thou art called to a great work, wherein thou shalt have great opposition, apply, Deut. 31. 8. *The Lord he it is that doth goe before thee, he will be with thee, he will not faile thee, neither forsake thee: feare not, neither be dismayed,* 2. Chro. 16. 9. *The Lord will shew himselfe strong in the behalfe of them whose heart is perfect towards him: Psal. 91. 11, 12, 13. Hee shall give his Angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy wayes: They shall beare thee up in their hands,*

hands, least thou dash thy foot against a stone. Thou shalt tread upon the Lyon and Adder: the young Lyon and Dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

It matters not what bee the lets oppose us, when the Lord goes before us, hee will easily beat them downe: nor what strength resists such, as hee hath promised to shew his strength for: nor how many bee our dangers, when his Angels have charge over us to keep us. Therefore goe on in the worke, and feare not the issue, being strengthened by the promises of him, that never faileth his.

T H E

THE XCII. LEGACY.

In times of danger.

IN the time of danger, apply, 1. Sam. 2. 9. *The Lord will keep the feet of his Saints.* Prov. 1. 33. *Who so harkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall bee quiet from feare of evill.* Iob. 11. 18. 19 *Thou shalt be secure, because there is hope, yeathou shalt digge about thee, and thou shalt take thy rest in safety, also thou shalt lye down, and none shall make thee afraid.* Psal. 125. 1, 2. *They which trust in the Lord, shall be as mount Sion which cannot bee removed, but abideth for ever. As the mountaines are round about Ierusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth, even for ever.*

Psal.

Psal. 121. 3, 4, 5. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: hee that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper, the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. Seeing the Lord is our keeper, wee need not feare the danger.

THE XCIII. LEGACY.

*When thou art in great trouble
&c.*

WHen thou art in great trouble, apply, *Isai. 43. 2. When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee, and through the Rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burnt, neither shall the flame kindle*

kindle upon thee. vers. 20. I will give waters in the wildernesse, and Rivers in the desart, to give drinke to my people, my chosē. Psal. 32. 6, 7. Surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him. Thou art my hiding place, thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

When thou seest thy selfe compassed with many troubles, and beginnest to feare, apply, *I will be with thee, they shall not overflow thee.* In the fire of affliction, thou shalt not onely not bee burnt, but the flame shall not kindle upon thee, the greatest trouble shall doe thee the least harme, for God being with thee, will bring thee out, as he did *Israel* through the sea, and the three children out of the fire, with not so much as the savour of fire about them: so shall not so much as the savour of evill bee upon his, but hee
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will compasse them about with songs of deliverance.

THE XCIV. LEGACY.

When thou seemest to be forgotten in affliction.

When thou seemest to be forgotten in affliction, apply, Psal. 9.9.18. *The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed: a refuge in times of trouble. For the needy shall not alway be forgotten: the expectation of the poore shall not perish for ever.*

Isai. 48.50. *Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the Sonne of her wombe? yea, they may forget, yet will not I forget thee. Psal. 103. 9. He will not al-*
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waies chide, neither will he keep his anger for ever. Lam. 3. 31, 32. The Lord will not cast off for ever. But though he cause griefe, yet will he have compassion, according to the multitude of his mercies.

THE XCV. LEGACY.

When thou fearest to dye in misery.

WHen thou fearest thou shalt end thy dayes in misery, apply, Iob. 36. 11. They shall spend their dayes in prosperity, and their yeares in pleasures.

T H B

THE XCVI. LEGACY.

When thy sorrowes grow great.

WHen thy sorrowes grow great, apply, Iob. 11. 16. *Thou shalt forget thy misery, and remember it as waters that passe away. Iob. 8. 20. 21. Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man, till he fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with rejoycing, Psal. 27. 14. Be of good courage, and hee shall strengthen thy heart, Psal. 112. 4. Vnto the upright there ariseth light in the darknesse, Psal. 126. 5. 6. They that sow in teares shall reape in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtlesse come againe with rejoycing, bringing his sheaves with him.*

Prov.

Prov. 10. 28. *The hope of the righteous shall be gladnesse.*

Matth. 5. 4. *Blessed are they that mourne, for they shall be comforted.*

Iohn 16. 62. *Yee now have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your hearts shall rejoyce, and your joy no man taketh from you.*

Hath sorrow taken deep root in thy soule, that thou fearest thou shalt never find hearty joy? apply, *Hee shall comfort thine heart.* Is such a crosse upon thee, that thou fearest thou shalt never forget it? apply, *Thou shalt forget thy misery, as waters that passe away.*

THE XCVII. LEGACY.

*When thou knowest no way out of
misery for soule or body.*

WHen thou art in such an e-
state, as thou knowest no
way out of misery, either
for soule or body, or both, apply,
Ier. 33. 3. *Call unto me, and I will
answer thee, and shew thee great and
mighty things which thou knowest
not.*

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THE XCVIII. LEGACY.

If thou wouldst have deliverance out of trouble.

IF thou wouldst have deliverance out of trouble, apply, Psal. 149. 4. *He will beautifie the meek with salvation: or, Hee will make the meek glorious by deliverance*

Psal. 34. 17. 19. *The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth: and delivereth them out of all their troubles. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. Iob. 5. 17, 18, 19. Happy is the man whom God correcteth, for hee maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole. He shall deliver thee in sixe troubles, in seven there shall*

*shall no evill touch thee. Psal. 50. 15.
Call upon me in the day of trouble: I
will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify
me.*

When thou art in many troubles,
and fearest thou shalt never get out of
all, apply, *The Lord will deliver thee out
of all.* If the Lord hath delivered thee
once or twice, and thou fearest he will
not continue so still, as often as thou
fallest into troubles, apply, *He shall de-
liver thee in sixe troubles, and the sea-
venth it shall not touch thee.*

THE XCIX. LEGACY.

If thine enemies prevaile.

WHen thine enemies prevaile,
apply, Psal. 125. 3. *The rod
of the wicked shall not rest*

upon the lot of the righteous: least the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity: Psal. 18. 3. I will call upon the Lord: so shall I be saved from mine enemies. 1. Sam. 2. 10. The adversaries of the Lord shall bee broken to pieces: the eyes of the wicked shall faile, their refuge shall perish, their hope shall bee sorrow of mind. Iob. 11. 20. Deut. 28. 7. The Lord shall causethine enemies that rise up against thee, to be smitten before thy face.

Seest thou many to rise up to trouble thee? apply, *thine enemies that rise against thee, shall fall before thy face.* Hope they to prevaile against thee? apply, *their hope shall be sorrow of mind:* Have they great meanes to cause them to prosper? apply, *their refuge shall perish.* Have they long oppressed thee? apply, *the rod of the wicked shall not alwayes rest upon the lot of the righteous.* Seest thou no meanes to get from them?

them? say with the Prophet David *I will call upon the Lord, so shall I be safe from mine enemies.*

THE C. LEGACY.

*That thou maist be delivered,
and thine enemies afflicted*

That thou maist bee delivered,
and thine enemies afflicted in
thy stead, apply, Deut. 30.7.

The Lord thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecute thee. Prov. 21.18. The wicked shall be a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.

THE CL. LEGACY.

If thou wouldst have thine enemies destroyed, &c.

IF thou wouldst have thine enemies destroyed, apply, Iob. 8. 22. *They that hate thee shall be cloathed with shame, and the dwelling place of the wicked shall come to nought.*

Isai. 41. 11. 13. 15. Behold all they which were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded, they shall be as nothing, and they that strive with thee shall perish: for I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Feare not, I will help thee. Thou shalt thresh the mountaines and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaffe, by which mountaines and hills,
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is meant the greatest enemies. 1. Sam. 2.30. *They that despise me shal be lightly esteemed.* These promises are to be applyed by us, as they are the enemies of God and his Gospell, and ours for his sake.

THE CII. LEGACY.

If the wicked plot against thee.

IF the wicked plot against thee, apply, Psal. 37. 12. *The wicked plot against the just; their sword shall enter into their owne heart, their bow shall be broken. The Lord shall laugh at him. Isai. 54. 15. The enemies shall surely gather themselves together against thee, but not by me; whosoever shall gather themselves together against thee shall fall.*

THE CIII. LEGACY.

In the troubles of the Church.

IN the troubles of the Church, apply, Psal. 128. 6. *Thou shalt see peace upon Israel, vers. 5. Thou shalt see the good of Ierusalem all the dayes of thy life. Ier. 31. 12. Thou shalt come and sing in the height of Sion:* when thou hast applyed the promises, and used all the meanes, and yet findest not thy selfe filled with God, as thou desirest, then comfort thy selfe with this, *Yet a little while, and when thou awakest, thou shalt bee satisfied with his Image. Psal. 17. 15.*

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THE CIV. LEGACY.

For the fall of Antichrist.

BEcause the time draweth neere of the fall of Antichrist, we must stirre up our selves to hasten the Lord by earnest prayers, and for the strengthening of our faith, apply these promises, Rev. 17. 16. *And the tenne hornes which thou sawest upon the Beast, these shall hate the Whore, and shall make her desolate and naked and shall eat her flesh, and shall burn her with fire, Rev. 18. 8. 21. Therefore shall her plagues come in in one day, death and mourning, and famine, and she shall be utterly burnt with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her. And a mighty Angell tooke up a great stone, like a*

great Milstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great Citty Babylon be throwne down, and shall be found no more at all. Even so come Lord Iesus, and hasten this happy day.

THE CV. LEGACY.

For the calling of the Iewes.

SEeing the Lord hath promised many glorious things to the Iewes with much grace and peace, both to the Iewes and Gentiles at their conversion; when the renne tribes shall bee reunited to the two, which never yet was, let us never give him rest till hee set up *Ierusalem* the praise of the world, and for the strengthening of us in prayer, apply, these promises:

promises: Ezek. 37. 21, 22. Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will take the children of Israel, from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their owne land: and I will make them one nation, in the land upon the mountaines of Israel: and one King shall be King to them all, and they shall be no more two Nations, neither shall they be divided into two Kingdomes any more at all, Jer. 3. 18. In those dayes the house of Iudah shall walke with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the North to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers: Isai. 60. 2, 3, 4, 5. 15. 16. The Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to the light, and Kings to the brightnesse of thy rising, thy sonnes shall come from farre, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.

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then thou shalt see and flow together, and thine heart shall feare and be enlarged, because the Sea shall be converted unto thee: the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through thee, I will make thee an eternall excellency, a joy of many generations: Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of Kings. *Isai. 62. 2, 3. 49.* The Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all Kings thy glory, and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name, thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. *Isai. 61. 4, 5, 6.* They shall build the old waists, they shall raise up the former desolations, they shall repayre the wast cities, the desolations of many generations. And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sonnes of the alien shall be

be your plowmen, and your vine-dressers, but ye shall be named the Priests of the Lord: men shall call you the ministers of our God, ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall you boast your selves. *Isai. 48. 22, 23.* Thus saith the Lord: Behold, I will lift up my hand to the Gentiles, and set up my Standard to the people, and they shall bring thy sonnes in their armes, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders, and Kings shall be thy nursing Fathers, and their Queenes thy nursing Mothers, they shall bow downe to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet.

*A Post-script sent from the
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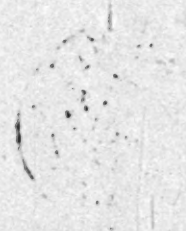
THese promises I have observed: many more there be of most excellent use, but because they need opening for the understanding of them, I would not set them downe, least through the shallownesse of my understanding I should wrong the precious promises: but I picked out the most plaine, and those that I found of continuall use for soule and body, which I have found much good by, for the promises are our Legacies bequeathed to us in the will of our Father, and wee are to claime them, as wee stand in need of any of them: and surely that God which would not have children wronged in that which is bequeathed to them in the will of their Fathers, much lesse will hee withhold that which his Sonne hath bequeathed to us in his last will, which hee sealed with his blood, Therefore let us sue for them, for he saith, hee will bee sought to performe them

them to us. And when thou applyest any
promise, seeke unto the condition, and
labour to keep it, and doubt not of the
performance of what is promised,
for he is both able and faithfull
that hath promised.

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Promises.

I.

THat God hath freely loved his
Elect in Christ Iesus.

*I will be gracious, to whom I will be
gracious : and I will shew mercy, on
whom I will shew mercy. Exod. 33. 19.*

I even I am he that blotteth out thy transgression: for mine owne sake. Esa. 43. 25.

I have blotted out as a thicke Cloud thy transgressions. Esa. 44. 22.

I will heale their back-slidings: I will love them freely. Hosea 14. 4.

II.

That **G O D** hath given Christ to death for his Elect.

I will put enmity betweene thee and the woman: it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heele. Gen. 3. 15.

But he was wounded for our transgression. Esa. 53. 5.

When he shall make his soule an offering for sin. IO.

He was numbred with the transgressors,

sors, and bare the sinnes of many. 12.

*Seauenty weeks are determined upon
the people to finish the transgressions,
and to make an end of sin. Dan. 9. 24.*

III.

*That wee are freely justified by
Iesus Christ.*

*So by the obedience of one, many shall
be made righteous: Rom. 5. 19.*

*And are justified freely by his grace;
through the redemption that is in Christ
Iesus. Rom. 3. 24.*

*By his knowledge shall my righteous
servant justify many. Esa. 53. 11.*

IV.

IV.

That GOD hath made a Cove-
nant with his Children to
be their GOD.

*I will establish my Covenant between
me and thee, and thy seed after thee in
their generations for an everlasting Co-
venant; to be a God unto thee and to thy
seed after thee. Gen. 17. 7.*

*I will walk among you, and will be
your God, and ye shall be my people.
Lev. 26. 26.*

*With great and eternall mercies will
I gather thee. Esa. 54. 7.*

*I will be their God, and they shall be
my people. Ier. 31. 33.*

*I will say to them; Thou art my peo-
ple, and they shall say, thou art my God.
Hosca 2. 23.*

V.

That G O D will call his Children to
the knowledge of his Truth.

The meek will he teach his wayes.
Psal. 25. 9.

*I will instruct thee, and teach thee in
all the way that thou shalt goe.* Psal.
32. 8.

*All thy Children shall be taught of
the Lord.* Esa. 54. 13.

*For they shall all know me from the
least of them to the greatest, saith the
Lord.* Ier. 31. 34.

*I am the Lord thy God which teacheth
thee to profit, and leadeth thee by the way
that thou shouldst goe.* Esa. 48. 17.

VI.

That G O D will give his Spirit
unto his children.

I will powre out my spirit upon you.
Prov. 1. 23.

*I will powre water upon him that is
thirsty. Esa. 44. 3.*

I will put my spirit within you.
Ezek. 36. 27.

*I will powre out my spirit upon all
flesh. Joel 2. 28.*

*I will powre upon the house of David
the spirit. Zach. 12. 10.*

*I will pray unto the Father, and he
shall give you even the spirit of Truth.*
Iohn 14. 16, 17.

VII.

VII.

That G O D will cause his Children
to trust in him by faith.

*Many shall see it and feare, and shall
trust in the Lord. Psal. 40. 3.*

Vnder his wings shalt thou trust.

91. 4.

On my armes shall they trust. Esa.

51. 1.

The just shall live by his faith. Hab.

2. 4.

*They shall trust in the name of the
Lord. Zeph. 3. 12.*

*In his Name shall the Gentiles trust.
Matth. 12. 21.*

VIII.

That God will give his Children
an humble and broken heart.

*I will take the stony heart out of their
flesh, and I will give them a heart of
flesh. Ezek. 11. 19.*

*I will powre on them the spirit of sup-
plication, and they shall mourne for him
as one mourneth for his Onely Sonne.
Zach. 12. 10.*

*Every mountaine and hill shall bee
brought low. Luk. 3. 5.*

*The Lord thy God will circumcise
thy heart. Deut. 30. 6.*

IX.

That Gods Children shall have power to mortify and overcome sin.

For sin shall not have dominion over you, for ye are not under the Law, but under Grace. Rom. 6.12.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be cleansed from all your filthinesse. Ezek. 36.25.

He will subdue our iniquities. Micah. 7. 19.

Every branch that beareth fruit he purgeth it.

X.

That the Children of God shall live a holy and sanctified life.

He shall be like a tree that bringeth forth

forth fruit in his season. Psal. 1. 3.

I will put my Law into their inward parts. Ier. 31. 33.

The sound thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon. Hosea 14. 7.

For their sakes sanctify I my selfe, that they may be sanctified through the Truth. Iohn 17. 19.

In holinesse and righteousnesse all the dayes of our lives. Luke 1. 75.

The Lord of peace sanctify you throughout. 1. Thes. 5. 23.

Faithfull is he that hath promised you. vers. 24.

XI.

They that love God.

I will circumcise thy heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soule,

soule, that thou maist live. Deut. 30.6.

XII.

That God will give his Children
hearts to delight in all his
holy Ordinances.

*With gladnes and rejoycing shall they
be brought: They shall enter into the
Kings Pallace. Plal. 45.15.*

*Therefore with joy shall they draw
waters out of the Wells of Salvation.
Esa. 12.3.*

*And in this mountaine shall the Lord
of Hosts make unto all people a feast of
fat things. 25. 26.*

*Even them will I bring to my holy
mountaine, and make them joyfull in my
house of Prayer. 56.7.*

*Ye shall be borne upon her sides, and
be dandled upon her knees. 66. 12.*

So will I comfort you, and ye shall be comforted. 13.

And when yee see this, your hearts shall be comforted. 14.

The feast of the tenth moneth shall be unto the house of Iudah, joy and gladnesse, and chearefull Feasts. Zach. 8. 19.

XIII.

That God will give his Children hearts to feare and serve him.

They shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the holinesse of Iacob, and shall feare the God of Israel. Esa. 29. 23.

They shall serve the Lord their God, and David their King. Ier. 30. 9.

I will give them one heart and one way, that they may feare me for ever. Ier. 32. 39.

That wee being delivered out of the hands

hands of our enemies, might serve him without feare. Luke 1. 74.

XIV.

That God will give his Children hearts to seek him by prayer.

He shall call upon me, and I will heare him. Psal. 91. 15.

Then shall yee call upon me, and yee shall pray unto me, and I will heare you. Ier. 29. 12.

And yee shall seek me and find me: search for me with all your hearts. 13.

I will powre upon the house of David, and upon the Inhabitants of Ierusalem the spirit of Grace and of Supplication. Zach. 12. 10.

XV.

That God will heare the Prayers
of his Children.

*Call upon me in the day of Trouble,
and I will deliver thee. Psal. 50. 15.*

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him. 91. 15.

He will heare their cry, and will save them. 145. 19.

Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer. Esa. 58. 9.

Before they call, I will answer, and while they are speaking I will heare. 65. 24.

He shall seek me and shall find me, when you shall seek I will be found of you. Ier. 29. 13, 14.

Yee shall aske what yee will, and it shall be done unto you. Iohn 15. 7.

Aske

Aske and it shall bee given you: seek and ye shall find. Matth. 7. 7.

Whatsoever ye shall aske in prayer, believing ye shall receive. Mat. 21. 22.

XVI.

That we may persevere in grace.

They shall bring forth fruit in their old age. Psalm. 21. 14.

His lease shall not wither. 1. 2.

The Lord ^{ord} guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soule in drought; and make fat thy bones; and thou shalt be like a watered Garden, and like a spring whose waters faile not. Esa. 58. 11.

XVII.

That God will give unto his Children
the good things of this life.

*But the meek shall inherit the earth:
and shall delight themselves in the a-
bundance of peace. Psal. 37. 11.*

*There is no want to them that seek
him. Psal. 34. 11.*

*They that seek the Lord shall not
want any good thing. If, a*

*No good thing shall he withhold from
them that walk uprightly. Psal. 84.
11.*

XVIII.

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That God will guide his Children by
his speciall providence in all
their wayes.

I will not leave thee nor forsake thee.

Heb. 13. 15.

*Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely,
and thy foot shall not stumble.* Prov.
3. 23.

For the Lord shall be thy Confidence.

26.

*He shall give his Angels charge over
thee to keep thee in all thy wayes.* Psal.

91. 11.

*The Lord shall preserve thy going
out and thy comming in.* 121. 8.

*And even to your old age I am he, and
even to hoare. haires will I carry you.*
Esa. 46. 4.

XIX

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That God will blesse those which are diligent in their Calling.

The Lord will'command the blessing upon thee in all thou settest thy hand unto. Deut. 28. 8.

Thou shalt eat the labour of thy hand: happy shalt thou be, and it shall bee well with thee. Psal. 128. 2.

The hand of the diligent maketh rich. Prov. 10. 4.

He that tilleth his land, shall be satisfied with bread. 12. 11.

XX.

That God will blesse those that keep his Sabbaths.

Blessed is the man that keepeth the Sabbath

Sabbath from polluting it. Ela. 56.2.

If thou turne away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day: and call the Sabbath a delight: 58. 13.

Then shall &c. 14.

Then this City shall remaine for ever. Ier. 17. 24. 25.

XXI.

That God will reward those that are fruitfull in good works.

He hath given to the poore: his righteousnesse endureth for ever. Ps. 112. 9.

The liberall soule shall be made fat: and he that watereth, shall bee watered also himselfe. Prov. 11. 25.

Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase. Prov. 3. 9.

So shall thy barnes be filled with plenty: and thy presses shall burst with new wine. 10.

He that hath a bountifull eye shall be blessed: for hee giveth of his bread to the poore. Prov. 22.9.

He that giveth to the poore shall not lack: but hee that hideth his eye, shall have many a curse. Prov. 28.27.

Cast thy bread upon the waters: For thou shalt find it after many dayes. Eccles. 11.1.

Blessed are the mercifull, for they shall obtaine mercy. Mat. 5.7.

Whosoever shall give to drinke unto one of these litle ones a cup of cold water: he shall in no wise loose his reward. Matth. 10.42.

Then shall the King say to them on his right hand, Come yee blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdome prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 25.34.

XXII.

That we shall receive good by the
society of the faithfull.

*He that walketh with wise men shall
be wise. Prov. 13. 20.*

*Then they that feared the Lord, spake
often one to another: and the Lord hear-
kened and heard it. And a book of re-
membrance was written before him, for
them that feared the Lord and thought
upon his Name. Malach. 3. 16.*

*And they shall bee mine saith the
Lord God of Hosts, in that day when I
make up my Jewels, and I will spare them,
as a man spareth his owne sonne that
serveth him. 17.*

*For where two or three bee gathered
together in my name: there am I in the
midst of them. Matth. 18. 20.*

XXIII.

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That God will keep afflictions from
his Children as it may bee
for their good.

*The Lord shall preserve thee from all
evill. Psal. 121. 7.*

*The Lord shall preserve thy going out
and thy comming in from this time
forth and for evermore.*

*He shall cover thee with his feathers,
and under his wings shalt thou trust: his
truth shall bee thy Shield and Buckler.
Psal. 91. 4.*

*There shall no evill befall thee: nei-
ther shall any plague come neare thy
dwelling. 10.*

*As the mountaines are about Ierusa-
lem, so is the Lord about his people for
ever. Psal. 125. 2.*

XXIV.

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That otherwise God will bee with,
preserve and keep his Children
in afflictions that they hurt
them not.

In all their afflictions hee was afflicted, and the Angell of his presence saved them: in his love, and in his pittie he redeemed them, and he bare them and carried them all the dayes of old. Esa. 63. 9.

They shall not be ashamed in the evill time, and in the dayes of famine they shall be satisfied. Psal. 37. 19.

He is their strength in the time of trouble. 39.

The Lord shall help and deliver them from the wicked, and save them because they trust in him. 40.

*Feare thou not, for I am with thee, be
not*

not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee, yea I will helpe thee, yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Feare not thou worne Iacob: I will helpe thee saith the Lord God, and thy Redeemer the holy One of Israel. 14.

When thou passest through the water I will be with thee: and through the Rivers, that they shall not over-flow thee. When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burnt: neither shall the flames kindle upon thee. Esa. 43. 2.

XXV.

That God will deliver his Children out of afflictions in his due time.

He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noysome pestilence.

I will

I will be with him in trouble: I will deliver him and honour him. 15.

Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord delivers them out of them all. Psalm. 34. 19.

Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee. Psal. 50. 15.

I will restore health unto thee: I will heale thee of thy wounds saith the Lord. Ier. 30. 17.

I will deliver thee in that day, and thou shalt not fall by the sword. Ier. 39. 17. Iohn 3. 19.

XXVI.

That God will sanctify all afflictions for the good of his people.

I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy drosse, and take away all thy tynne. Esa. 1. 25.

By

By this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged, and this is all the fruit to take away his sinne. Eia. 27. 9.

And some of them of understanding shall fall to try them, and to purge and make them white. Dan. 11. 35.

Many shall bee purified and made white and tryed. Dan. 12. 10.

And I will bring the third part through the fire: and I will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tryed: they shall call on my Name, and I will heare them. Zach. 13. 9.

X X V I I.

That God in his owne time will subdue all the enemies of his Church.

I will subdue all thy enemies. 2. Chr. 17.

I will punish the fruit of the stout heart

heart of the King of Assyria: and the glory of his high looks. .Esa. 10. 12.

Therefore I will put my hooke in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips: and I will turn thee back by the way which thou camest. Esa. 37. 29.

For the armes of the wicked shall bee broken. Psal. 37. 17.

I am against thee O Gog. Ezek. 39. 1.

And I will turn thee back. 2.

And then shall that wicked bee revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightnesse of his comming. 2. Thes. 2. 8.

And the ten hornes, these shall hate the whore and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh and burn her with fire. Rev. 17. 16.

I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and I will cause thy arrowes to fall out of thy right hand. Ezek. 39. 3.

That

XXVIII.

That the Children of God shall
dye happily.

*They shall come to the grave in a full
age: like as a shooke of Corne commeth in
his season. Iob. 5. 26.*

*He shall goe in peace, they shall rest in
their beds: each one walking in his up-
rightnesse. Esa. 57. 2.*

*Marke the perfect man, and behold
the upright: for the end of that man is
peace. Psal. 37. 37.*

XXIX.

That the just shall bee raised unto
eternall life.

*I will ransom them from the power
of*

of the grave: I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plague: O grave, I will be thy destruction. Hos. 13.

14.

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake to everlasting life, and some to shame. Dan. 12.2.

All that are in the graves shall come forth: they that have done good, unto the Resurrection of life. Ioh. 5.29.

I will raise him up at the last day. 6.40.

He that raised up the Lord Iesus, shall raise us up also by Iesus. 2. Cor. 4.14.

When Christ who is our life shall appeare, then shall yee appeare with him in glory. Colos. 3.4.

X X X.

That God will reward the labours of the righteous in the life to come.

*Rejoyce and be glad, for great is your
reward*

reward in heaven. Matth. 5. 12.

Whosoever shall forsake houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands for my Names sake, he shall receive a hundred fold more, and shall inherit everlasting life. 19. 29.

Come ye blessed of my Father: inherit ye the Kingdome prepared for you before the foundation of the world. Math. 25. 34.

Thou shalt bee recompensed at the resurrection of the just. Luk. 14. 14.

Hee that overcometh shall inherit all things. Rev. 21. 7.

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That God will make good and performe all that he hath promised

*And I will performe the Oath which I sware unto Abraham thy Father.
Gen. 26. 3.*

Gen. 26. 3.

Know therefore that the Lord thy God he is God; the faithfull God; which keepeth Covenant and mercy with them that love him. Deut. 7. 9.

Blessed be the Lord that hath given rest unto his people; there hath not fayled one word of all his good promises which he promised. 1. Kings 8. 56.

My Covenant will I not breake, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Psal. 89. 34.

Thus saith the Lord, if you can break my Covenant of the day, and my Covenant of the night; That there should not be day and night in their season. Ier. 33. 20.

Then may also my Covenant bee broken. 21.

For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him, Amen. 2. Cor. 1. 20.



1. **G**Ive me understanding
and I shall keepe thy
Word : yea I will observe it
with my whole heart. *Psalms.*
119. 34.

Deale with thy servant ac-
cording thy mercies, and teach
me thy Statutes. *Psalms.* 119. 124.

2. How sweet are thy
words unto my taste: yea swee-
ter then honey to my mouth.
Psal.

Psal. 119. 103.

What shall I render unto the
Lord for all his benefits to-
wards me? *Psalms.* 116. 12.

3. Consider how I love thy
precepts, quicken me O Lord,
according to thy loving kind-
nesse. *Psal.* 119. 159.

With my whole heart have I
sought thee, O let me not wan-
der from thy Commande-
ments. *Psal.* 119. 10.

4. For ever O Lord, thy
Word is settled in heaven: thy
faithfulnesse is unto all genera-
tions.

tions. *Psal.* 113. 19.

Plead my cause and deliver
me, quicken me according to
thy Word. *Psal.* 119. 154.

5. Whatsoever the Lord
pleased, that did hee in heaven
and in earth. *Psal.* 335. 6.

Make me to understand the
way of thy precepts, so shall I
talke of thy wondrous works.
Psal. 11. 27.

6. Remember thy Word
unto thy servant, upon which
thou hast caused me to hope.

Psal. 119. 49.

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Who is like unto the Lord
our God, who dwellèth on
high? *Psal.* 113. 5.

7. Incline my heart unto
thy Testimonie, and not unto
Covetousnesse. *Psal.* 119. 36.

When my spirit was over-
whelmed within me, thou
knewest my paths. *Psal.* 142. 3

8. My soule is continually
in my hand, yet doe I not for-
get thy Law, *Psal.* 119. 109.

Stablish thy word unto thy
seruant, who is devoted to thy
feare. *Psal.* 119. 38.



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POSTSCRIPT,
TO ALL TRUE

BELIEVERS.

Gracious Believers,

K Nowing you to be the only heires
of those rich and precious promi-
ses, which it hath pleased our
gracious Father freely to give
unto his freely beloved Children:

I have presumed without your knowledge,
to bequeath unto you a fatherlesse child
brought forth into the world without the pa-
rents knowledge, hoping you will not be un-
willing to let it passe under your favourable
protection. For the subject matter of it, it is

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very beautifull, and of such use, as no child of God can passe to Heaven without it, and in that regard, it shall bee no shame unto you whom the Lord hath honoured with the grace of believing, to accept of this small Treatise from one that desires your prospering in your soules and bodies. There is no blemish in this that I dedicate unto you, but such as came by the hands of the unskilfull bringer forth of it, which only minded their own good in it. And weighing dayly the beauty of it, and the sweet refreshing strength which flowed from it, for the overcoming of those three deadly enemies, the Devill, Sin, and the World, they desired that God would bee pleased to move the minds of some of his most skilfull workmen, to put to their hands to frame a more perfect work upon so perfect a subject, and to give a more comely forme, to this so beautifull a subject, and till then they intended to smother in their bosomes the beauty of this, rather then to bring it forth with the blemishes of their unskilfulnesse. But the good that may be gayned by it being unutterable, I hope grace in the hearts of Gods people will cause them, like the Bee, to suck out the sweet and

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nourishing vertue of these fragrant flowers, that grow here and there in the garden of Gods word, and not with discontent to cast away this pleasant posy gathered out of the celestially Eden of the sacred Scriptures, because an unskilfull hand, and indeed unworthy, hath bound them up together, not so orderly as might please the curious eye of man, nor their owne, neither was it their ayme so to doe. If any gaine any good by it, the gatherer of these sweet flowers together, neither deserves nor desires thanks, for they intended it to none but to themselves, and some private friends, whose importunity wrung some copies from them, and now without their consent have published it. And now since it is published and cannot bee stopped, the Lord cause it to worke in all his, according to that which he hath given the promises for to work in the hearts of his people, even to make them partakers of the divine nature. 2. Pet. 1. 4. And as a meanes to make them to take every day a little posy from the rest, one of the promises gathered together, and apply it to thy selfe, see how thou standest in need of it, and every word in it, and then apply it to thy

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selfe by faith, and let it stirre thee up to goe to God in prayer for the accomplishment of them unto thee, then waite in the diligent use of all meanes for the gayning of them, and you shall find God not only making you heires of promises, but you shall be comfortable possessours of those many good things which God hath promised to Beleevers. The more you meditate, and the oftner you ~~say~~ pray upon them, the more good wilt you see in them, and find flow from them. I say no more, but I doubt not, but your experiences of good by these promises will be more then I can make knowne unto you. I desire the God of mercies, our loving father, in our Lord Iesus Christ, in whom all the promises are Yea and Amen. to make you dayly find experimentally, the truth of all his gracious promises.

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...now become a companion with Angels
...and communion, and faith in Christ,

Posts of heaven, whom Jacob saw flying up and down the Ladder: these are the Protectors of the godly, whose aid God Gen. 28.12.

promised the Israelites; Behold, I send an Angel before thee to Exod. 23.20.

keep thee in the way, and to bring thee to the place which I have prepared. These are the Guardians of Gods children of whom

our Saviour told his Disciples, that in Heaven their Angels always behold the face of his Father: these are the armies of God, Math. 18.10.

who meeting Jacob in his journey, he said, This is Gods host: these Gen. 32. 2.

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